

## KENYA AIRPORT INFERNO UNDER INVESTIGATION

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**NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)** — A small fire at Kenya's main airport swelled into a roaring inferno Wednesday that destroyed part of East Africa's largest aviation hub and hampered air travel across the continent. Firefighters were desperately short of equipment in an area where the county government apparently lacks a single working fire engine.



Policemen stand guard as fire engulfs the arrivals unit of Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Nairobi, Kenya, Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013. (AP Photo/Sayyid Azim)

Crews needed hours to get the flames under control and at one point resorted to a line of officers passing water buckets.

The early morning blaze gutted the arrival hall, forcing authorities to close the entire airport and airlines to cancel dozens of flights. The flames also charred airport banks and foreign exchange bureaus.

No serious injuries were reported.

The fire broke out on the 15th anniversary of the bombings by al-Qaida of the U.S. embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, in neighboring Tanzania.

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## NOTHING BUT NYET



President Barack Obama meets with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Los Cabos, Mexico, June 18, 2012. Obama canceled a planned summit with Putin, officials said Wednesday, July 7, 2013, a response to frustration at the Russian government for refusing to send Edward Snowden to the U.S. to face charges of leaking national security secrets.

(Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

## Obama cancels Putin summit amid Snowden tensions

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Already faltering, President Barack Obama's five-year effort to reboot U.S.-Russian relations finally crashed Wednesday, as the White House abruptly canceled his planned face-to-face summit with Russia's Vladimir Putin.

The effort to upgrade the relationship has fallen victim to the rapidly shrinking common ground between the former Cold War rivals, including extreme differences over the Syrian civil war, Russia's domestic crackdown on civil rights and — the final straw — the asylum granted to NSA leaker Edward Snowden.

The U.S. and Russian foreign and defense ministers will sit down in Washington later this week, but Obama

canceled his planned early September summit in Moscow with Putin because of what the White House called a lack of "recent progress" on a wide array of critical issues.

Such steps are not taken lightly, and the decision will almost certainly herald a new frostiness in already chilly ties.

"We have informed the Russian government that we believe it would be more constructive to postpone the summit until we have more results from our shared agenda," the White House said in a statement, citing deep differences over missile defense, arms control, trade, global security and human rights. "Russia's disappointing decision to grant Edward Snowden temporary asylum was also a factor that we considered in assessing the cur-

rent state of our bilateral relationship," it added.

The Kremlin responded quickly, voicing its own disappointment with the canceled summit and blaming it on Washington's inability to develop relations with Moscow on an "equal basis."

Putin's foreign affairs adviser, Yuri Ushakov, added that the decision was "clearly linked" to the Snowden case, a situation that he said wasn't of Russia's making.

While Snowden might have been the immediate catalyst for canceling the summit, the seeds of renewed U.S.-Russia discord were planted more than a year ago when Putin re-took the Russian presidency. On returning to power, he adopted a deeply nationalistic and more openly confrontational stance toward

the United States than had his chosen successor Dmitry Medvedev, whose 2008-2012 tenure roughly overlapped Obama's first term in the White House.

Where Medvedev abstained in a U.N. Security Council vote that authorized NATO airstrikes in Libya, Putin has refused repeated entreaties from Washington to allow the world body to impose even minimal sanctions on President Bashar Assad's Syria. At the same time, Putin's government has continued to supply its ally Assad with weapons. And it has not delivered on pledges to coax Assad into sending representatives to talks with the opposition aimed at finding a political solution to the Syrian conflict.

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# Inferno rips through East Africa's largest airport

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No terror connection to the fire was immediately evident, but the blaze revived long-standing safety concerns about Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.

A statement from Kenya President Uhuru Kenyatta said the cause of the fire was being investigated and that "there is no reason to speculate at this

point."

Kenya's anti-terror police boss, Boniface Mwaniki, said he was waiting for more information before completely ruling out terrorism.

Authorities last week shut down several duty-free shops at the airport, and some Kenyan media reports speculated that disgruntled parties from the forced closings may have had motive to carry out an arson attack. No govern-

ment official made such an accusation Wednesday.

International airlines, including South African Airways, Etihad and Emirates, cancelled flights to Nairobi. Qatar Air said its Nairobi flights were being rerouted to the Kilimanjaro airport in Tanzania.

The domestic and departure terminals, which are separated from the arrivals hall by a road, were undamaged.

By the end of the day, the

airport re-opened for domestic and cargo flights but remained closed to international flights. Officials planned to convert a domestic-flight area into an international terminal for the time being.

No U.S. carriers fly direct to Nairobi. Delta Air Lines, based in Atlanta, tried to open such a route in 2009, but the Transportation Security Administration rejected the plan because of security concerns. □



Armed policemen cordon off the area as fire rages at the international arrivals unit of Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Nairobi, Kenya, Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013.

(AP Photo/Sayyid Azim)

# Yemen claims it foiled a spectacular al-Qaida plot

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**SANAA, Yemen** - Yemeni security officials said Wednesday that they had foiled an audacious plot by al-Qaida to seize an important port and kidnap or kill foreigners working there, but the claim aroused some skepticism among Yemenis and independent terrorism analysts.

The foiled plot did not appear to be related to the threat that has led to the closing of embassies here and elsewhere.

A day after the United States and Britain moved

to withdraw personnel from Yemen in response to concern over the possible terrorist threat, Yemen's capital was in a state of high alert, with jet fighters soaring overhead and many streets barricaded.

Intercepts of secret correspondence between Ayman al-Zawahri, the leader of al-Qaida, and Nasir al-Wuhayshi, the leader of the al-Qaida affiliate in Yemen, inspired deep concern inside the U.S. government about a possible terrorist plot by the group.

U.S. government officials said that al-Zawahri used the communication to urge

the Yemeni militant leader to carry out a large terrorist attack.

But the Yemen-based affiliate of al-Qaida makes frequent threats, and Yemen's government is under international pressure to show that it is working hard to counter the terrorist group.

At the same time, the officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief reporters, said a drone strike in Yemen's southeast killed seven people Wednesday. An earlier strike Tuesday killed four people.

Yemeni security officials said the foiled militant plot included a plan to take control of the Mina al-Dhaba oil terminal in the Mukallah region on the Arabian Sea in the country's southeast.

The officials did not say how the plot - which followed government reports about a similar plot at the same port in June - had been disrupted.

The plan would have involved many al-Qaida operatives wearing Yemeni army uniforms to seize the port and then attack, kill or kidnap foreigners working there, the officials said. □

# Libya suspect in embassy attack denies charges

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**TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)** — A former Libyan militia commander on Wednesday denied charges filed in U.S. federal court accusing him of being involved in an attack that killed a U.S. ambassador and three other Americans.

Ahmed Abu Khattala told The Associated Press that he was not in hiding, nor had he been questioned by Libyan authorities over the Sept. 11, 2012, attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi. That assault killed U.S. Ambassador to Libya Chris Stevens and sparked Republican-led investigations in Congress over the attack and its aftermath.

Khattala repeatedly has denied being involved in the attack. He did so again Wednesday when reached by telephone by the AP. "I am a Libyan citizen and the American government has nothing to do with me," he said. "I am in my city, having a normal life and have no troubles and if they have an inquiry to make, they should get in touch with Libyan authorities."

Officials in the U.S. say he and an unspecified number of others are named in a sealed complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Washington. It's unclear what charges he and the others face. Libya's Justice Ministry declined to comment Wednesday when asked about the U.S. charges.

Khattala was the commander of an Islamist militia group called Abu Obaida Bin Jarrah. However, he said Wednesday he had abandoned the militia and begun working as a construction contractor.

The night of the attack, assailants stormed the consulate compound and set its buildings aflame. U.S. officials have said that American security agents took fire across more than a mile (kilometer) of the city when they were forced into a daring car escape against traffic. □



# Obama cancels Putin summit amid Snowden tensions

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Obama sought to cultivate Medvedev as a friend of the United States, making significant changes to Bush administration plans for

European missile defense to try to ease Russian concerns about that project, signing a new arms control treaty and famously sending then-Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to meet Russian Foreign Minis-

ter Sergey Lavrov in Geneva where she proclaimed a "reset" in U.S.-Russia relations.

Putin, however, seems to want none of the coziness that a "reset" would bring and has actively sought to

undo previous agreements on cooperation. Under Putin, Russia has stepped up its negative rhetoric on missile defense, ended two decades of democracy and civil society training by the U.S. Agency for In-

ternational Development and banned adoptions of Russian children by Americans.

Andrew Kuchins, a political scientist and expert on Russian politics at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said he thinks the reset has been on hold for a while.

"We hit the peak at the end of 2010, and then things started going downhill gradually in 2011," Kuchins said. "Then, when the announcement was made that Putin was coming back as president in the fall of 2011, the downfall of the reset got a little steeper."

Ivo Daalder, former U.S. ambassador to NATO and now president of The Chicago Council on Global Affairs, said some positive steps have come from the reset, including Russia's willingness to help the U.S. transport military materiel in and out of Afghanistan.

"There still is cooperation on areas like Iran where Russia voted four times in the U.N. Security Council to impose new sanctions," Daalder said. "There is cooperation on North Korea — Russia has voted for new sanctions. And those are material, positive steps in the relationship that have been the result of the reset."

But he said that a reset also suggests a future relationship and that despite meetings Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State John Kerry and former National Security Adviser Tom Donilon have had with Russian officials, there has been little progress on Syria, nuclear arms reduction and missile defense issues.

Putin and Obama last met in June, on the sidelines of the summit of the Group of 8 industrial nations. □



President Barack Obama and President Vladimir Putin get up to leave after their meeting in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland. The Kremlin voiced disappointment Wednesday, Aug. 7, with Obama's decision to cancel his Moscow summit with Putin, but said it remains ready to cooperate with the United States on bilateral and international issues.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

## No bomb found on Philly plane despite threat call

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**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — A bomb threat investigation that prompted a search of a trans-Atlantic flight and questioning of its passengers has turned up nothing suspicious, officials said.

US Airways Flight 777 from Shannon, Ireland, landed in an isolated part of Philadelphia International Airport on Wednesday afternoon and was met on the tarmac by fire trucks and federal and local authorities. A telephone threat about

a bomb was made about the plane before it landed, Philadelphia police Chief Inspector Joe Sullivan said. The plane's 171 passengers and eight crew members exited via staircases and were taken to waiting buses.

The Boeing 757 was searched by a bomb-sniffing dog, passengers were questioned and their luggage was screened, investigators said.

US Airways said in a statement it was aware of a possible security issue with

the flight and "out of an abundance of caution taxied the aircraft to a remote location, where it was met by law enforcement and emergency personnel." Nothing was found, and the all-clear was given about an hour later.

Officials did not disclose the specific nature of the bomb threat or details about from where it may have originated.

The FBI, Philadelphia police department and Transportation Security Administration were involved in the

investigation and said the person who placed the call could face serious criminal charges.

U.S. customs officials have screening facilities at Shannon Airport, and the passengers aboard the plane would have gone through them before boarding.

The plane continued as planned to Pittsburgh after its scheduled stop in Philadelphia.

Inbound flights were briefly delayed while the investigation was underway. □





## Home of Cleveland kidnapper demolished

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The Cleveland house where three kidnapped women were raped and tortured for nearly a decade was demolished by the city Wednesday as part of a plea agreement that sent their abductor, Ariel Castro, to prison last week for life.

The demolition, which took about an hour and a half, was greeted by cheers from a group that included one of his victims, Michelle Knight, who spoke briefly before the work began and released a batch of yellow balloons to remem-

ber other kidnapping victims yet to be rescued.

"Why it was important to be here today is because no one was there for me when I was missing," said Knight, 32, who the Cleveland police have acknowledged spending relatively little time looking for because they believed she had moved away from the area.

The two-story white house on Seymour Street, which since the women's rescue had been fenced in, its windows and doors boarded over, had already become a draw to the curious, with motorists driving slowly past

day and night, according to residents and the police. The sentencing deal with Cuyahoga County prosecutors required Castro, 53, to plead guilty to 937 charges, including two aggravated murder charges for terminating pregnancies after raping the women.

The arrangement allowed him to avoid a possible death sentence. Castro also agreed to hand over the title to the east Cleveland house - so it could be demolished - which prosecutors said they feared would have become a macabre tourist attraction. □



Workers demolish the house where three women were held captive and raped for more than a decade, Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013, in Cleveland. Authorities want to make sure the rubble isn't sold online as "murderabilia," though no one died there. The house was torn down as part of a deal that spared Ariel Castro a possible death sentence. He was sentenced last week to life in prison plus 1,000 years. Castro apologized but blamed his addiction to pornography.

(AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

## New Jersey: Teen admits luring, strangling girl on bike

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**CAMDEN, New Jersey (AP)**

— A teenager admitted Wednesday that he strangled a 12-year-old girl who disappeared last fall while out riding her bike, touching off a massive search that ended when her body was found in a recycling bin just blocks from her home.

Justin Robinson, 16, pleaded guilty to aggravated manslaughter in the death of Autumn Pasquale after agreeing to have his case moved to adult court.

County Prosecutor Warren Faulk said the boy admitted luring the girl to his

home to trade bike parts, but he declined to discuss a motive for the killing.

Authorities had credited a tip from the suspects' mother with helping them solve the case. They said she saw something in one of their Facebook postings that gave her cause to call police. The call led them to the body and her sons.

Under a plea agreement, Robinson faces a 17-year prison sentence with no chance of parole for more than 14 years. Faulk said that if the case had remained in juvenile court, the maximum sentence would have been 20 years, but he would have

a chance of parole in less than seven years.

His brother Dante was 17 at the time and also charged with murder in the case. His case is pending in juvenile court. Because of a court order, prosecutors and others involved in the case would not discuss those charges.

An attorney for Autumn's mother says prosecutors did "the best they could." Forty-eight hours after the girl went missing Oct. 20, her body was found in a recycling bin near the Robinsons' home in Clayton, a rural community 25 miles (40 kilometers) south of Philadelphia. □

## Government shutdown clock ticks down for August recess

**Daniel Malloy**

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**WASHINGTON** -- Just before Congress took its annual leave of the swampy capital, Rep. Rob Woodall expressed what is no doubt an unpopular view among weary members and staff. "I really wonder, now that we don't really have to go home for the fall harvest, if the days of the August break are done," the Georgia Republican said. Woodall said he was not yet seriously concerned about an Oct. 1 government shutdown, given that it's two months away. But all that time away from D.C. means the House only has nine Washington workdays left until then.

Some time away might be healthy. Speaker John Boehner thinks the break will have his hard-to-govern flock "in a better mood when they come back." Moods were prickly last week on Capitol Hill as the appropriations process veered into a ditch.

The House put together a \$44.1 billion bill to fund transportation and housing programs under current-law spending caps. The Senate wrote a \$54 billion bill to provide more funding for roads and bridges, among other programs.

Both versions flopped. House leaders yanked their bill because it did not have the votes; Republicans successfully blocked the Senate bill with a filibuster after Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid told chattering colleagues to "sit down and shut up" while another senator was making a floor speech.

After the filibuster, senators decamped to a rare bipartisan lunch hosted by Georgia Republican Sen. Johnny Isakson, who imported from Sam's BBQ of Marietta, Ga., for his colleagues. Isakson admitted to reporters that senators were not exactly solving the chamber's problems over pulled pork, but he did hope the cross-aisle fraternizing would help ease tensions.

Later, Isakson and a hand-

ful of Republican senators went to the White House for the latest in semi-regular meetings with President Barack Obama about a possible budget deal. Aside from a shutdown, another debt-ceiling crisis looms this fall.

Democrats are eager to bust the austere budget caps and offset the difference with more tax revenue. Republicans generally would like to see less spending. A deal to reduce future spending on entitlements such as Medicare could bridge the gap, but it appears far off.

For now, the across-the-board sequestration cuts are not going away.

"I think that not enough Republicans have felt the pain from their citizens that they would change their minds," said Rep. Hank Johnson, a metro Atlanta Democrat. "They're full speed ahead over there, and we're getting ready for a train wreck."

At least on spending levels there's a way to split the difference. Not so on Obamacare, as some Republicans are viewing this fall as their last stand to halt the law before it's implemented.

Some conservative GOP senators and House members are vowing not to vote for any spending bill that includes a dime of funding for the health law.

U.S. Rep. Jack Kingston, a Georgia Republican who is running for the Senate next year, has not laid down a strict ultimatum on that question. But he is in charge of the spending bill in the House for the Labor, Problem is, House leaders will not let Kingston reveal the bill yet, another sign of the appropriations logjam that left Kingston "extremely disappointed" last week.

Democrats are in no mood to kneecap the signature legislative achievement of the Obama era. That view will collide with Republican hatred of the law in a stopgap "continuing resolution" vote sometime in September. □



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## Dad: US municipal shooting suspect gave warnings

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A man charged with killing three people at a Pennsylvania municipal meeting because of a feud over his junk-strewn property had given plenty of warning that he intended to kill people, his father said Wednesday.

Rockne Newell told his father and others that he planned to kill officials in rural Ross Township, saying he had nothing left to lose because he'd already been forced off the land, said the father, Pete Newell. "He said, 'My life's over, Dad. I just got to stop them from doing it to anyone else, and I'm going to take care of it so they're not around to do it to anybody else,'" Pete Newell, 78, said in a phone interview.

The father said that when he told his son "it wasn't worth killing someone over," Rockne replied, "I've got to do what I've got to do."

Authorities said Rockne Newell, 59, packed a rental car with guns and ammunition before opening fire at a township meeting Monday night and killing three men, including the zoning officer and two residents.

Newell had lost his property last month in a court fight with the township over longstanding complaints that he lived in a storage shed, built an illegal culvert and used a bucket outside as a toilet.

"Normally, he wouldn't harm anybody. But they just drove him nuts. They took the only thing he had in his life away from him," his father said.

When deputies tried to serve Rockne Newell with documents informing him the property would be sold at a sheriff's sale, Pete Newell said he warned them that his son had been making threats, saying: "I'm telling you one thing, people are going to die over this."

Sheriff Todd Martin said his deputies took the threat to be against the sheriff's department itself, not against others.

He said his department had a long history with the suspect, adding that Newell could be volatile — outraged one moment, calm the next.

"We've known Rocky Newell for many, many years, and he's made many, many threats," Martin said. "Rocky's always been that way. Rocky's always one who believed in his property and believed in his ideals and told everyone the government was out to get him. This thing has brewed for many, years, and I believe it escalated to the point where he took matters in his own hands."

Rockne Newell had been living on disability payments from an auto accident. His fight with the township was the subject of several newspaper articles over the years. □



Clay Borger and his daughter Breanna, 11, of Saylorsburg, Pa., leave flowers at the Ross Township municipal building in Saylorsburg on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013. Three people were shot to death and one critically wounded during a meeting at the Ross Township municipal building in Saylorsburg, Pa. Monday night. Rockne Newell has been charged with the killings.

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## Reconstructed after 9/11: Greenwich Street becomes a streetscape

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**NEW YORK** - Something remarkable is happening where Greenwich Street used to run through the World Trade Center site. It is becoming Greenwich Street again.

For the first time since reconstruction of the trade center began, a New York City streetscape is taking form. There are sidewalks and curbs, oak trees and honey locusts, street lamps and pigeons. And, as on any street near high-risk targets, there are also ranks of heavily reinforced posts, or bollards. But even with the bollards, the scene is ap-

terials and their layout complement the memorial in a sophisticated and subtle manner," she wrote in an email Tuesday. "There were countless mock-ups and sample reviews to make sure that we got the selection of granite, finishes, proportions and layout just right, including full-scale mock-ups.

"We were also intensively engaged in the bollard design, helping to facilitate an elliptical and tapered form that is effective from a security standpoint but not intrusive in size," Burden added. The portion of Greenwich Street between Vesey and Liberty Streets

Fumihiko Maki, 84, of Maki and Associates in Tokyo, it also contributes a great deal to the streetscape.

Unlike the rest of the tower, which is skinned in reflective glass, the building's 47-foot-high lobby is clad in clear glass. It almost seems to embrace the street, a gesture made even stronger by an 80-foot-wide space between columns. The closeness of the lobby to the memorial imposed a special obligation on Maki and his client, Silverstein Properties, to create a space that was respectful without being sepulchral. Last week, their intentions for the lobby became



The view across Greenwich Street toward the glass lobby of 4 World Trade Center in New York, July 31, 2013. For the first time since reconstruction of the World Trade Center site began, a streetscape is taking form, with sidewalks, trees, street lamps and heavily reinforced security posts. (David W. Dunlap/The New York Times)

pealingly open. Only security guards prevent visitors to the National September 11 Memorial from simply walking across Greenwich Street and up to the lobby of 4 World Trade Center, now under construction.

The intersection offers palpable evidence that the monolithic 16-acre superblock that existed before Sept. 11, 2001, has truly been pared down.

Amanda M. Burden, the director of the City Planning Department, said the agency had pushed to re-establish Greenwich and Fulton Streets running through the trade center site as a way of integrating the complex with lower Manhattan.

"The use of sidewalk ma-

has existed in recent years, but only as a construction haul road. Seeing the partly finished landscaping brings home the fact that one day it will be restored to traffic, though on a highly restricted basis.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is constructing the new section of Greenwich Street, which it expects to complete by the end of 2014. Sometime around then, or early in 2015, the authority will move its headquarters into 4 World Trade Center. Four World Trade Center is a deliberately understated building that cuts the lowest profile of any in the complex (if a 977-foot tower can be said to cut a low profile). As designed by

clear with the installation of "Sky Memory," a delicate, 98-foot-diameter titanium arc by the sculptor Kozo Nishino, of Kyoto, Japan. This is his first commission in the United States.

Nishino has collaborated with Maki before. But his trade center commission owes itself to a visit by the developer, Larry A. Silverstein, and his wife, Klara, to the ArtCourt Gallery booth at a 2007 art fair in New York City. The gallery represents Nishino and was showing a model of his work.

"I had no idea about Larry," recalled Mitsue Yagi, the gallery director. "I said, 'This artist makes huge-scale artwork.' Larry said, 'I'm making a very big building.'"

## Q&A ON THE NEWS

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**Q:** With Detroit now in bankruptcy, which American cities now face a similar crisis?

-- **Larry Pack, Dallas, Ga.**

**A:** Chicago, Philadelphia and Oakland, Calif., are among the cities having financial problems, according to media reports. Cincinnati, Minneapolis, Portland and Santa Fe, N.M., are among 15 cities being reviewed by Moody's Investors Service for a "possible credit downgrade," according to FoxNews.com. More than 60 municipalities have filed bankruptcy under Chapter 9 since the 1950s, according to The New York Times. Detroit became the largest American city to file for bankruptcy when it did so on July 18.

**Q:** How many baseballs are used in a major league game and what is done with the used balls?

-- **Terry Campbell, Big Canoe, Ga.**

**A:** About 120 balls are used during MLB games, but that figure varies depending on weather conditions, the length of the game and the number of balls hit or tossed out of play, among other variables. There were about 15-18 dozen (180-216 balls) used during a 15-inning game between the Minnesota Twins and Milwaukee Brewers last year, according to a Fox Sports North article. In 2005, it was estimated that more than 900,000 balls were used during an average MLB season, according to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

**Q:** In a recent article about more fliers showing up to airports carrying guns or packing them in their carry-on baggage, no mention was made of any penalties the fliers face, other than having their guns confiscated. Is that the only penalty? If not, what is the sequence of events that takes place once a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officer detects a gun?

-- **Michelle Hutchinson, Marietta, Ga.**

**A:** When officers find a firearm in a carry-on bag, they alert airport police. Jon Allen, the TSA spokesman in Atlanta, told Q-and-A on the News in an email. Police will take possession of the firearm and make the determination, based on local and state laws of where the airport is located, whether the person will face criminal charges (citation or arrest). "In addition to the law enforcement referral, individuals who bring firearms to a checkpoint face a civil penalty from the TSA," Allen wrote. Those include a variety of fines, based on the weapon. People with firearms in their carry-on baggage could face a fine of more than \$7,500, and last year, TSA assessed more than \$1.8 million in penalties for firearms discovered at security checkpoints, he wrote. "Passengers are permitted to travel with firearms in checked baggage if they are properly packaged and declared. Firearms must be unloaded, packed in a hard-side case, locked and packed separately from ammunition," according to the TSA. The TSA discovered 1,556 firearms at checkpoints nationally in 2012.

**Q:** In tennis coverage on TV, there is often a computerized view of the ball and where it landed on the court. Is this an official tool used by the judges? How does it work?

-- **John Vaughn, Newnan, Ga.**

**A:** The computerized line-calling system is called Hawk-Eye, which also is the name of the British company that developed the technology. Hawk-Eye uses 10 cameras per court to record the flight of the ball at tennis tournaments. The system uses that input to map the ball's trajectory and reconstruct its path, projecting where the ball most likely would have landed. □



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**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

Americans borrowed more in June to buy cars and attend schools. But they were frugal again with their credit cards, indicating many remain wary of taking on high-interest debt. Consumers increased their borrowing \$13.8 billion in June from May to a seasonally adjusted \$2.85 trillion, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday in its monthly report on consumer credit. That's the highest level ever.

The category that includes credit card use dropped \$2.7 billion in June. That follows a gain of \$6.4 billion in May, the largest in a year. Still, overall credit card debt has fallen 16.5 percent from its July 2008 peak.

Borrowing for autos and student loans rose \$16.5 billion in June. The upward trend in this category has lifted overall consumer credit to record levels in all but one month since June 2011.

The Federal Reserve's consumer credit report does not separate student loans and auto loans. But the Federal Reserve Bank of New York tracks consumer credit on a quarterly basis. Those reports show that student loan debt has been the biggest driver of borrowing since the Great Recession officially ended in June 2009. In part, that's because many unemployed Americans have returned to school for training in hopes of landing a job.

More credit card borrowing could help boost consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of economic activity. But many consumers have

been hesitant to run up high-interest debt since the Great Recession end-

ed. And this year consumers have been hit by higher Social Security taxes.

The economy grew at a lackluster annual rate of 1.4 percent in the first six

months of this year. Economists expect growth is accelerating to a rate of around 2.5 percent in the second half of this year, as the impact of higher taxes and spending cuts begin to fade. Also, hiring gains are expected to boost income, supporting more spending.

The economy has been adding jobs at a steady but inconsistent pace this year. In July, employers added 162,000 jobs. While solid, that's much slower than the average pace of 192,000 new jobs a month added so far this year. And many of the jobs added last month were low-paying or part-time.

The unemployment rate fell in July to 7.4 percent, down from 7.6 percent in June.

The Federal Reserve's borrowing report covers auto loans, student loans and credit cards. It excludes mortgages, home equity loans and other loans related to real estate. □



Jani McAllister browses through a sales rack outside Festivity, a boutique in Virginia Highlands, in Atlanta. The Federal Reserve reported on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013, that Americans borrowed more in June to buy cars and attend schools. (AP Photo/Jaime Henry-White)

## Evan as sales rise, Ford says new US plants unlikely

**TOM KRISHER**  
**AP Auto Writer**  
**TRAVERSE CITY, Michigan**  
**(AP)** — Even though U.S.

auto sales are close to returning to pre-recession levels, don't expect to see a new Ford factory anytime soon. Jim Tetreault, Ford's North American manufacturing chief, says his mandate is to squeeze more production out of existing plants to avoid the high cost of new bricks and mortar. Some plants are operating near capacity. "We can always squeeze more. I have never said 'boss, we can't get another one out,'" Tetreault said Wednesday at the

Center for Automotive Research Management Briefing Seminars near Traverse City, Michigan.

Ford and many other automakers are leery of adding plants because having too much factory capacity nearly drove them out of business in 2009.

In the past 15 months, Ford has added capacity to build 600,000 cars and trucks at its existing factories, hiring more than 8,000 workers. The company's U.S. sales have risen by more than a third in the past four years, from a low of 1.68 million in 2009 to more than 2.23 million last year. Year to date, sales

are up 13 percent.

Total U.S. auto sales hit a low of 10.4 million four years ago, but are expected to rise as high as 15.8 million this year.

To meet growing sales, Ford has raised assembly line speeds at nearly all of its plants. All but two of 11 North American assembly plants are working on three shifts, once considered the maximum number. Some Ford plants have four shifts, Tetreault said.

But Ford is still running into problems making enough vehicles. The Fusion midsize car is selling so well that Ford is reopening a plant in Flat Rock, Michigan, near

Detroit, to make more of them. And it's trying to figure out how to build more Escape small SUVs in a plant in Louisville, Kentucky, because dealers are running short of them.

"I would never say we're out of capacity. We're always going to keep working on it," Tetreault says.

Tetreault also says the company has three meetings a week to talk about production constraints. Managers identify bottlenecks and find ways to end them by buying new equipment, redesigning a part, raising assembly line speeds or even hiring more people. □





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## Egypt says diplomacy has failed to resolve crisis

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CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's military-backed interim leadership proclaimed Wednesday that a crackdown against two protest sites is inevitable, saying that nearly two weeks of foreign diplomatic efforts to peacefully resolve its standoff with the Muslim Brotherhood have failed.

The government's statements strongly suggested that Egypt's sharp polarization may spiral into even more bloodshed as thousands of supporters of ousted President Mohammed Morsi, a longtime Brotherhood figure, camp out at two main Cairo intersections and hold daily protests outside security buildings. At stake is stability in the Arab world's most populous country. Already more than 250 people have been killed in violence since the military ousted Morsi last month, including at least 130 Brotherhood supporters in two major clashes between security forces and backers of the deposed president.

"The decision agreed on by all to clear the sit-ins is final and irreversible," Prime Minister Hazem el-Beblawi said on state television, reading a statement issued by the Egyptian Cabinet. In response, top Muslim Brotherhood figure Mohammed el-Beltagy said the protesters are determined to keep up the sit-ins. "What we care about is for there to be clear talks about our position against the military coup and the importance of returning legitimacy," el-Beltagy told The Associated Press at the main protest site in the capital's Nasr City neighborhood. He said the Cabinet's statement makes "clear that they lack vision

with regard to the political scene."

A joint statement released late Wednesday by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton called for a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

"We remain concerned and troubled that govern-

ment appeared unlikely to start until next week. The Cabinet statement said the government was keen not to take action during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which ends Wednesday to be followed by four days of Eid celebrations.

For his part, the prime minister said the government

dent Mohamed ElBaradei, who wanted to find peaceful ways to resolve the dispute. But emotions in Egypt are high, and many have pushed for a strong hand in quashing the protests.

Widespread anger with the Brotherhood and Morsi is what sparked millions to take to the streets and de-



**Egyptians chat in front of a poster criticizing U.S. President Barack Obama with Arabic that reads, "from the Egyptian people to Obama," in Cairo, Egypt. Egypt's interim leadership proclaimed Wednesday that a crackdown against two protest sites is inevitable, saying that nearly two weeks of foreign diplomatic efforts to peacefully resolve its standoff with the Muslim Brotherhood have failed.**

(AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

ment and opposition leaders have not yet found a way to break a dangerous stalemate and agree to implement tangible confidence building measures," the statement said.

"The Egyptian government bears a special responsibility to begin this process to ensure the safety and welfare of its citizens," it said. "Now is not the time to assess blame, but to take steps that can help initiate a dialogue and move the transition forward."

It is unclear what the government's crackdown on the sit-ins would entail or when it would begin, but it

seeks stability and rule of law in the face of "hard circumstances". He said Egypt must start a new chapter, "without settling scores, without bias against any side."

A flurry of diplomatic visits by envoys from the United States, the European Union and Arab Gulf states ended in deadlock. By Wednesday, all had departed Cairo with no guarantees of compromise from the government or the Brotherhood.

Some of the visits by foreign diplomats were made at the request of those in power, such as Vice Presi-

mand his ouster just days before the military forced him out of power July 3. Later on, hundreds of thousands rallied to answer a call by the country's army chief to give him a mandate to stop "potential terrorism" by Morsi supporters. The Brotherhood is demanding Morsi's reinstatement as Egypt's first freely elected president, and many of the pro-Morsi protesters say that the sit-ins are their last bargaining chip to press for the release of detained leaders and for guarantees that they will have a significant role in politics. □

## New Czech gov't. loses confidence vote amid scandal

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The new Czech government lost a confidence vote Wednesday, extending the political instability that has undermined the country since a corruption scandal forced the collapse of the previous government in June.

Last month, President Milos Zeman appointed his close ally, leftist economist Jiri Rusnok, as prime minister after his predecessor, Petr Necas, resigned in June. Necas stepped down after a senior aide was charged with bribery and abuse of office and several other officials were implicated in the largest anti-corruption investigation in the country since the fall of communism.

But the appointment of Rusnok sparked a revolt by rightist parties previously aligned with Necas. Holding a parliamentary majority, they have accused Zeman of breaching democratic norms and insisted that their preferred candidate should become prime minister.

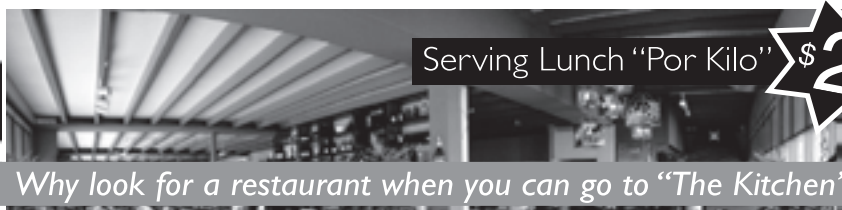
In the 200-seat lower house of Parliament, Rusnok lost the vote of confidence 100-93. Seven members were not present during the vote.

But he has no constitutional deadline to name a replacement before the next elections scheduled for spring 2014, and the Rusnok government can stay on as caretaker. Speaking before the vote, Zeman said that he would keep Rusnok in place for several weeks even if he lost, pending the conclusion of the anti-corruption investigation that ensnared the previous government. □



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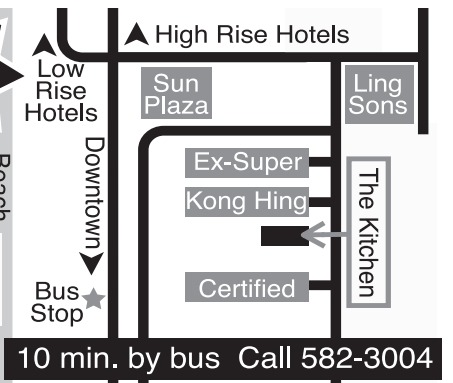


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# Syrian troops kill more than 60 in desert ambush

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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian troops

of Damascus, killing more than 60 fighters in a barrage of machine gun fire and leaving their bodies in

against President Bashar Assad, whose troops are trying to drive opposition forces from areas surrounding his seat of power in the capital.

There were conflicting reports on the attack in Adra, which lies on a supply route between Damascus and rebel-held areas to the east that is often the scene of heavy clashes between the two sides.

The dawn attack dealt another heavy blow to opposition troops following a string of recent regime successes.

Syrian troops have been on the offensive in the past few months in an attempt to clear out Damascus suburbs held by opposition fighters.

Syrian state-run media showed footage of bloodied corpses lying on the ground, some wearing camouflage gear with their weapons scattered around in the sand. One picture showed gas masks next to the weapons.

The state-run SANA news agency said "dozens" of rebels were killed in the ambush as they were on their way to attack an army post near Damascus. SANA identified the dead as members of the al-Qaida-linked Jabhat al-Nusra, and said some were foreign fighters.

Broadcaster Al-Ikhbariya also showed a Tunisian passport, Islamic headbands and automatic rifles apparently carried by the

rebels.

Some activists disputed the account, saying those killed were Syrian fighters from a mix of brigades delivering aid to besieged areas.

Mohammed Saeed, an activist based near Damascus, told The Associated Press that 65 rebels were on their way from Damascus' eastern suburbs to Qalamoun nearby. Saeed said rebels walked the 30-kilometer (19-mile) route because it is dangerous to drive in the area as it is watched by Assad's forces. "It seems that the regime discovered the secret road that the rebels were using," Saeed said via Skype. "The regime forces riddled them with heavy machine gun fire." □



In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, dead bodies of Syrian rebels are seen on the ground, killed during ambush by Syrian forces near the Damascus suburb of Adra, Syria, Wednesday Aug. 7, 2013. Syrian government forces killed more than 60 rebels Wednesday in an ambush near Damascus, a blow to opposition fighters confronting a regime offensive in the capital, activists said.

(AP Photo/SANA)

ambushed a large group of rebels Wednesday trudging through what once was a secret route through a desert road northeast

the sand. State television claimed those killed came from an al-Qaida-linked group that has joined the battle

## US-bound Delta Air flight diverted to Amsterdam

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AMSTERDAM (AP) — A Delta Air Lines flight bound for Detroit from Paris landed safely in Amsterdam with no injuries Wednesday after being diverted due to a technical problem.

The Airbus 330 was unable to retract its flaps on take-off, Delta spokesman Anthony Black told The Associated Press in Atlanta, where the airline is based. There were 298 passengers and 11 crew members aboard.

In a statement, the airline described the landing of Flight 99 at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport as "un-eventful."

Firefighters were ready at the scene, apparently as a precautionary measure.

Delta technicians were inspecting the aircraft before determining whether they can fix it and continue on, Black said.

Passengers might also be put on other flights or given rooms in local hotels for the night, he said.

The flight left Paris shortly before 11 a.m. local time, and it touched down in nearby Amsterdam shortly after 4 p.m.

Websites that track flight routes showed Flight 99 spent much of the intervening five hours circling above Norwich, England. □

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## Analysis:

# Al-Qaida matures as leaders remain a global threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al-Qaida's core leadership remains a potent threat, and experts say it has encouraged the terror network's spread into more countries today than it was operating in immediately after the Sept. 11, 2001, ter-

evacuated nonessential personnel from the U.S. Embassy in Yemen after intelligence officials said they had intercepted a recent message from al-Qaida's top leader about plans for a major terror attack.

Zawahri, and terror experts say they rarely coordinate operations or share funding and fighters. But they have promoted al-Qaida's mission far beyond what its reach was a dozen years ago. "Even while the core al-Qaida

and Pakistan.

"We're not naive about the challenges we're facing," Psaki said. "We do think a threat still remains."

"We're intensifying our effort on affiliates," she said. "That's part of what our focus is. And, yes, we've had some successes."

Al-Zawahri, an Egyptian whose location is unknown, issues messages to followers every few months that are posted and circulated on jihadi websites. His latest, posted July 30, criticized Obama for the continued U.S. detention of terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for launching deadly drone attacks in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Yemen and other Muslim countries.

"You fought us for 13 years. ... Did we soften or toughen up? Did we back out or advance? Did we withdraw or spread out?" al-Zawahri asked Obama in his message, according to a transcript of his letter that was translated from Arabic by SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors jihadist websites.

He continued, "I call on every Muslim in every spot on Earth to seek with all that he can to stop the crimes of America and its allies against the Muslims — in Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen and Mali, and everywhere."

Three days later, the State Department announced the temporary closing of U.S. embassies and diplomatic outposts — although not in Iraq, Afghanistan, Israel or Mali. Officials this week said the closures were prompted

by an unspecified threat to U.S. and Western interests in a message from al-Zawahri to his top lieutenant in Yemen, where al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula is based.

AQAP, as the terror network's regional hub is known, is led by Nasser al-Wahishi, who for years was close to al-Zawahri and bin Laden and is one of al-Qaida's few remaining core leaders, said SITE director Rita Katz.

Intelligence officials say AQAP has for years announced its intent to attack the U.S., and it is widely considered the biggest threat to the West of the al-Qaida affiliates. The group is linked to the attempted Christmas Day 2009 underwear bombing of an airliner bound for Detroit and explosives-laden parcels intercepted aboard cargo flights a year later.

A-Qaida's regional power centers usually have formed in places undergoing political upheaval, where security forces are too distracted to clamp down on extremists. The civil war in Syria, now in its third year, has given al-Qaida an opportunity to seize land that the Sunni-based network has long yearned to control.

And violence has risen steadily since the U.S. military left Iraq in December 2011. Coordinated jailbreaks at two high-security Iraqi prisons last month set free hundreds of inmates, including al-Qaida extremists. Iraq's branch of al-Qaida, known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, claimed responsibility for the raids. □



A Jordanian military vehicle drives around the U.S. embassy in Amman, Jordan, Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2013, one of 19 American diplomatic posts across the Middle East and Africa ordered closed following terror threats. Far from being on the brink of breakdown, al-Qaida's core leadership remains a potent threat — and one that experts say has encouraged the terror network's spread into more countries today than it was immediately after 9/11.

(AP Photo/Mohammad Hannon)

rorist attacks.

President Barack Obama, who ordered the May 2011 raid that killed Osama bin Laden, has described al-Qaida's headquarters as "a shadow of its former self." White House spokesman Jay Carney on Tuesday called it "severely diminished."

That bravado didn't match the Obama administration's action this week. It closed 19 U.S. diplomatic outposts stretching across the Middle East, Africa and Asia and

The new communique came from bin Laden's replacement, Ayman al-Zawahri, who as early as December 2001 announced plans to decentralize the network and scatter its affiliates across the globe as a way of ensuring its survival.

Now, major al-Qaida hubs are thriving along the Iraqi-Syrian border, in North Africa and, in the most serious risk to the U.S., in Yemen.

The regional hubs may not take direct orders from al-

group may be in decline, al-Qaida-ism, the movement's ideology, continues to resonate and attract new adherents," Bruce Hoffman, director of the Security Studies Program at Georgetown University, wrote in a research paper this year.

On Wednesday, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the U.S. has focused on al-Qaida's affiliates, including the one based in Yemen, after targeting the terror network's top leaders in Afghanistan





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## Pope greets Argentines on St. Cayetano day

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**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — Pope Francis is asking fellow Argentines to reach out to the poorest, not only through charity but by showing them compassion and affection. Francis' prerecorded message was broadcast early Wednesday as thousands lined up to offer prayers for the feast day of Saint Cayetano, the patron of jobs and unemployed people. "Today's slogan is: reach out after the neediest, those who need us to give them a hand, and look at them affectionately. Share

their pain, their anxieties, and their problems," the pope said. Pilgrims have been camping for days outside the San Cayetano sanctuary, braving the Southern Hemisphere winter to thank the saint for helping them keep a job or to pray for a new one. Before he became Pope Francis, Buenos Aires Archbishop Jorge Mario Bergoglio led the main yearly Mass in homage of the patron saint for labor in Argentina for 15 years. "Sometimes I ask people if they give out charity. 'Yes father,' they say." And I ask: 'When you hand out

charity, do you look into the eyes of the person that you're helping? And they say: 'Oh, I didn't notice,'" the pope said. "Well, then you didn't really reach out. You just threw out some change and left. If you don't come close, you didn't come into contact with that person." Pilgrims waiting in a long line outside the sanctuary in the outskirts of Buenos Aires held photos of Francis and waved Vatican flags. Some praised the simplicity and pastoral humility of their cardinal who would become the first pope from the Americas. □



Catholic faithful watch fireworks explode over Saint Cayetano church in Buenos Aires, Argentina, just after midnight on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013. Pilgrims visit the church every year to touch the statue of St. Cayetano, Argentina's patron saint of work, on his day, August 7. When Pope Francis was Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, he preached at the main sanctuary of Saint Cayetano every year for more than a decade, and is known to have great devotion to this miraculous saint.

(AP Photo/Natasha Pisarenko)

## Brazil police probe killing of 2 officers, 3 more

**SAO PAULO (AP)** — Sao Paulo police are at odds over what happened in the slaying of two officers and three relatives, who were all found at home shot in the head. One of the dead was the 13-year-old son of the two officers, who were married. Investigator Itagiba Franco

says he thinks the boy shot his parents, his grandmother and a great aunt before killing himself. Franco says the murder weapon was found in the boy's hand. But the commander of the mother's police unit told radio station Bandeirantes on Wednesday that he's

not convinced the boy is responsible. Col. Wagner Dimas says that officer Andreia Pesseghini recently denounced other officers for robbing ATM machines and that could have something to do with the killings. The bodies were discovered Monday. □

## LATIN AMERICAN BRIEFS

### Head of small Venezuelan opposition party shot dead

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)** — A gunman riding on the back of a motorcycle has killed the leader of a small Venezuelan opposition party in the home state of the late President Hugo Chavez.

A colleague says Pablo Uzcategui was shot twice Monday night as he drove through the Barinas state capital with his son.

National Assembly lawmaker Carlos Berrizbeitia says the killing of Uzcategui was not a robbery. He says Uzcategui's wife was driving behind her husband with the couple's two daughters and witnessed the killing.

Uscategui led the Proyecto Venezuela party in Barinas. Berrizbeitia says he is not aware of Uzcategui receiving any death threats.

The prosecutor's office has not commented.

Venezuela has one of the world's highest homicide rates, at about 55 killings per 100,000 people. Political murders are relatively uncommon, however.

### Argentine rights group IDs 109th person taken as baby

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — An Argentine human rights group says DNA tests have determined the identity of a 109th person who was among those taken as babies from victims of Argentina's dictatorship.

The group Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo says the real family of 37-year-old Pablo German Athanasius Laschan is in Chile.

The group says his birth mother did land reform work for Chile's Marxist President Salvador Allende and the family fled after the 1973 coup that toppled Allende. It says that once Argentina was taken over by dictators in 1976, the parents were grabbed by Argentine government agents and killed as part of the "dirty war" against leftists.

The rights group's statement Wednesday does not identify the adoptive parents, but says the father is awaiting trial for alleged rights violations.

### Arrest order for Venezuela opposition adviser Lopez

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)** — Venezuela's opposition say authorities have ordered the arrest of a close adviser to opposition leader Henrique Capriles. The MUD opposition coalition identified the adviser as Oscar Lopez on Wednesday. The Associated Press telephoned the chief prosecutor's office but it had no immediate comment. President Nicolas Maduro had announced the capture of a person he did not name but described as, in his words, "a corruption chief of the mafia of Venezuela's right." Globovision TV says military intelligence officials searched Lopez's apartment in Caracas. □



## Signaling thaw, North Korea opens plant run by South

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**HONG KONG** - North Korea said Wednesday that it would reopen the shuttered Kaesong industrial complex, a rare symbol of cooperation with South Korea whose operations were shut down by the North four months ago amid mounting tensions between the sworn enemies.

The North Korean government also proposed new talks with the South, to start next week, on the future of the complex, whose 53,000 North Korean workers were employed by South Korean companies. The North also pledged to guarantee the safety of South Korean managers who run the complex.

The announcement, released in a statement carried by the KCNA news agency in the North, signaled a thaw in relations between the two countries, which hit a low over the winter when the North's detonation of a nuclear device prompted tough new sanctions by the United Nations against the country.

Since that nuclear test, North Korea's main ally and benefactor, China, has put increasing pressure on the North to modify its behavior and return to

talks about the future of its nuclear program. In addition to the costly sanctions, the North has also lost badly needed hard currency earned by the tens of thousands of North Korean workers at the Kaesong complex.

South Korean officials welcomed the offer of talks over the complex. "We hope the North will engage in dialogue in an earnest manner that can contribute to the constructive growth of the complex," said Kim Hyung-suk, a Unification Ministry spokesman. The complex, where com-

panies make consumer goods using capital and technology provided by the South and a workforce mainly from the North, has been closed since April 8. The two countries held talks last month in an effort to reopen the plant. A major issue in the talks had been the South's demand that the North take responsibility for the damage caused by the abrupt shutdown of the complex's factories. The North blamed the shutdown on the South, saying that the South's confrontational attitude has kept the complex from reopening.

In withdrawing its workers from the complex in April, North Korea blamed tensions it said were caused by joint U.S.-South Korean military exercises. The South later withdrew its own citizens, most of them factory managers, when the stalemate continued.

North Korea's announcement of the reopening of Kaesong came shortly after the South said it had authorized the payment of \$251 million to the South Korean companies whose operations at Kaesong were disrupted by the shutdown. □



South Korean owners who run factories in the stalled South Korea and North Korea's joint Kaesong industrial complex shout slogans during a rally insisting the normalize the operation of the industrial complex at the Imjingak Pavilion in Paju, north of Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013.

(AP Photo/Lee Jin-man)

## Bank of England ties interest rate to employment

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**LONDON** - In a significant shift in strategy intended to spur Britain's economic recovery, the Bank of England said Wednesday that it would aim to keep interest rates at a record low until the nation's unemployment rate declines.

Under its new strategy, the Bank of England said it did not intend to increase interest rates, currently at 0.5 percent, until the unemployment rate fell to at least 7 percent, from the current level of 7.8 percent. The central bank also forecast that unemployment might not reach that level until at least the third quarter of 2016, suggesting that rates could remain un-

changed for another three years.

By linking future rate decisions directly to the jobless rate, the Bank of England's new governor, Mark J. Carney, broke with tradition and aligned the bank more closely with the Federal Reserve's policy of providing more clarity about its intentions. Carney, who took over at the Bank of England last month, said linking interest-rate policy to unemployment was intended to reduce uncertainty. Peter Spencer, an economic adviser at Ernst & Young's Item Club, an economic forecasting group, said the new strategy would be helpful because Britain's "economy is in recovery rather than

remission, and this guidance gives the bank the flexibility to reduce the risk of relapse."

But some experts were more skeptical.

Colin Edwards, an economist at the Center for Economics and Business Research, a forecasting firm based in London, questioned what the central bank would do if inflation started to gather speed but unemployment barely moved. Philip Booth, a director at the Institute of Economic Affairs, a study group, was more outspoken, calling the new strategy "the most dangerous development in U.K. monetary policy since the late 1980s."

After an initial drop against

the dollar after Carney's announcement, the pound recovered and continued to strengthen Wednesday, rising against the euro as well. The FTSE 100 share index fell slightly, mostly because of the Bank of England's forecast for a slow economic recovery. Carney noted that the unemployment benchmark should be seen as a "way station" at which the Bank of England would begin to reassess its policy, not a target that would automatically lead to a change in interest rates. The Bank of England selected the unemployment rate as a barometer, he said, because it wanted a figure that was "widely understood and widely available." □

## Swiss propose what-if big bank rescue option

JOHN HEILPRIN

Associated Press

**GENEVA (AP)** — Switzerland's two biggest banks would have to be rescued by its creditors and shareholders before the government steps in with a bailout, the country's financial watchdog recommended Wednesday.

The preferred option for UBS AG and Credit Suisse would be a government-led "bail-in," Swiss financial regulator Finma proposed in a strategy paper on what to do if either of the two Zurich-based banks were to collapse.

Under a bail-in, Finma says it would distribute losses "across a range of creditor groups" of the bank and, if applicable, its holding company. That would include first shareholders, then bondholders and, as a last resort, could include uninsured deposits of about 300 billion Swiss francs per bank. The banking group also might be broken up and some assets restructured, sold off, wound down or liquidated to preserve key operations, Finma said. If it's clear a bail-in won't work, the Swiss regulator said it would step in to protect the critical functions of the bank. It said, however, that "it is impossible that the entire bank can be rescued."

UBS and Credit Suisse are major financial institutions with a significant place in global investment banking, private banking and corporate advisory. Each is on the list of 29 "globally systemically important banks" that the Bank for International Settlements — the global central bank for central banks — considers too economically important to be allowed to fail. Both are profitable, but the Swiss government doesn't want a repeat of UBS' \$60 billion bailout in 2008, when it was hit by massive U.S. subprime mortgage losses. The ultimate aim, Finma says, would be to "ensure the continuity or orderly wind-down of systematically important functions, prevent a negative impact on the global and national financial systems and the relevant economies and avoid recourse to state aid as far as possible." □





## Ling & Sons Kicks Off Exciting Nice To Meat U Festival!



EAGLE - Ling & Sons, the #1 supermarket in Aruba together with LG Smith Steak and Chop house caused a frenzy during the first day of the Meat Festival where special guests from the radio show PICA: Rona Coster, Jacqueline Suttle y Tabitha Fecunda were also present to bring some spice to the Meat Festival with their unique sense of humor.

During the first day of the festival customers were amazed by the beautiful setup and tasting of the top quality meat cuts from Certified Angus Beef such as the Rib Eye, the tenderloin and Top US sirloin

paired with the Beringer Cabernet sauvignon. Aside from learning more about meat, customers also got to enjoy the top special of the day which



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For those who missed the first day of the meat festival! Do not worry! The Meat festival goes on till August 11 from 12 to 7 p.m. where Ling & Sons, the #1 supermarket will feature a different restaurant every day. Still to present at the Meat festival are: White Modern Cuisine, Amazonia and WakaWaka Adventure café & cantine.

To stay up to date with all the latest details on the nice to meat u festival visit facebook page "Ling and Sons IGA".



## Team Aruba continues its strong points pursuit

MEMPHIS, Tn. August 7, 2013: Driver of the Aruba.com / Alltel Wireless Mustang, Trevor Eman, has had a lot on his mind lately, not the least of which was tying the knot with long-time girlfriend Nicole. Just one short week after saying "I do" Eman and Team Aruba were back at the track, continuing their pursuit of an ADRL Extreme Pro Stock Championship at the Memphis Drags.

"Our racecar was just awesome all weekend long," told Eman. "The Aruba.com / Alltel Wireless Mustang made it down the track every single time. I give the whole team a lot of credit for having an awesome set up each and every run, but I also have to give credit to the Traction Twins."

They did an excellent job on giving us all a superb racing surface. There was no inequality between lanes."

Team Aruba qualified in the top half of the field with a 4.108, only .013 off the

top spot. With Mother Nature's interference, eliminations were postponed until Sunday. Despite the ever-changing conditions, Team Aruba had their Mustang dialed in all weekend long. Eman's round one opponent, Cary Goforth, went .001 red, but the Aruba.com Mustang wasn't going to be an easy competitor regardless, with Eman's .024 light and 4.10 elapsed time - quickest for the round. In round two Eman lined up against John Montecalvo. Again, the team made the right calls for conditions, going right down Broadway at a 4.125 while Montecalvo was forced to lift. Team Aruba was again quickest for the round in the semi finals, laying down a 4.137. Unfortunately, Eman turned it red, leaving just .008 too early, ending their day, but regaining some ground in Championship points. Eman is now fourth in points, and has secured his spot for the Shootout held at the next event-



Dragstock X, Sept 6-8 at Rockingham Dragway.

"I must also say," continued Eman, "that I am very happy the race became a Friday/Saturday race, because with all the rain that came in on Saturday, we were still able to finish the race on Sunday. That does not happen when races are contested on a Saturday/Sunday weekend. It would be my hope that the ADRL switch the last two races to Friday/Saturday weekends, and also consider that for the 2014 season."

"Besides just great racing going on this past week-

end, it was an even greater weekend for me personally as it has been a week now that my longtime girlfriend, Nicole and I got married. We got married the weekend before [July 27th] and even though we should have probably been on a honeymoon somewhere, we went racing."

"The team and I would like to congratulate Doug Kirk on winning the race and also would like them to know that they will be in our thoughts when Doug's Father, Mr. Kirk, goes in for a liver transplant operation

on Friday. That must have certainly been on Doug's mind all weekend, but he proved that the pressure was not going to stop him from winning the race. Good job Kirk family!"

Keep up with Team Aruba at [www.facebook.com/teamarubaracing](http://www.facebook.com/teamarubaracing) and on Twitter @TeamArubaRacing.

Find race results, team updates, videos and photos. Also leave your comments to cheer on Team Aruba!

For more on your Aruba vacation visit [www.Aruba.com](http://www.Aruba.com)! □

## Stuart & Karen Fishkin honored at the Costa Linda Beach Resort



EAGLE BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice couple who are loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba as Distinguished Visitors at the Costa Linda Beach Resort. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10-to-19 consecutive years. The honorees were Stuart and Karen Fishkin of Syos-

set, New York. Stuart and Karen are loyal members of the Costa Linda Beach Resort, and they love Aruba for the weather, beaches and restaurants, and they love to be with their Aruban friends at the Resort. They also love the Aruban Pelicans and donkeys! The certificate was presented by Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Miriam Rodriguez representing the Costa Linda. □

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ORANJESTAD - Once again this year Diamonds International Aruba's employees joined forces and collected funds amongst themselves to help out two deserving children in need to help purchase all of their back to school supplies and uniforms.

We were all highly moved to see the big smiles on these children's faces once they received their backpacks filled with all of their supplies, uniforms, sneakers and their tuitions were all paid in full.

'Adopt A Child' is a program founded to help out the children of Aruba who are in need of assistance and do not have the resources to purchase their back to school supplies and pay for their tuition. Every year local companies 'adopt' a number of children to help out in the quest to better the future of our children.

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## AL Capsules

# Tigers beat Indians to notch 10th straight win

**The Associated Press**

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Justin Verlander dominated for eight innings and Don Kelly hit a three-run homer off Justin Masterson, leading the Detroit Tigers to their 10th straight win, 5-1 over the Cleveland Indians.

Verlander (12-8) allowed one run and four hits as the Tigers beat the Indians for 10th time in 11 games and opened a five-game lead over Cleveland in the AL Central.

Kelly connected in the fifth inning off Masterson (13-8) and Miguel Cabrera picked up his 100th RBI as the Tigers improved to 11-3 against their nearest division rival.

The Indians, who are 24-10 against the Central's three other teams, have to hope they can win the next two over Detroit to split the series.

To do that, they'll have to beat Doug Fister and Max Scherzer.

### TWINS 7, ROYALS 0

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — Andrew Albers allowed four hits while pitching into the ninth inning in his major



**Detroit Tigers starting pitcher Justin Verlander delivers against the Cleveland Indians in the first inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2013, in Cleveland.**

**Associated Press**

league debut, easily out-dueling Royals ace James Shields and leading the Twins over Kansas City.

The first big leaguer from Saskatchewan in more than 20 years, Albers at one point retired 15 straight.

He was two outs shy of his third straight complete game dating back to Triple-A Rochester, and the first shutout in a big league debut since Detroit's Andy Van Hekken did it in 2002.

The Twins took most of the pressure off with a big night at the plate. Brian Dozier homered and drove in three runs, and Justin Morneau and Chris Colabello also went deep for the Twins.

### WHITE SOX 3, YANKEES 2

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Chris Sale allowed one run while outpitching Hiroki Kuroda in to the eighth inning, and the White Sox beat the Yankees.

Alex Rodriguez singled, walked, was hit by a pitch and lined out to center field after going 1 for 4 in his season debut Monday. The Yankees lost for the 13th time in 19 games after

scoring a run in the ninth against closer Addison Reed.

A-Rod was on deck when Alfonso Soriano struck out to end it with a runner on first. Reed gave up a single to a pinch-hitter Ichiro Suzuki, who took second on defensive indifference and came around on Brett Gardner's two-out single. But Reed finished for his 27th save in 32 chances.

### RED SOX 15, ASTROS 10

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Jacoby Ellsbury homered twice and Jonny Gomes added a three-run shot and the Red Sox rallied from a five-run deficit for a win over the Astros.

Catcher Ryan Lavanway tied a major league record with four passed balls in the first inning as he struggled to handle pitches from knuckleballer Steven Wright, and the Astros took a 3-0 lead.

Houston extended its lead to 5-0 before Ellsbury's two-run shot in a three-run third closed the gap.

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# IAAF calls on Russia to be open toward gays



**In this Thursday, July 4, 2013 file photo, Singapore's Ng Ser Miang, a candidate for the presidency of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), attends the second day of the IOC extraordinary session in Lausanne, Switzerland.**

**Associated Press**

**RAF CASERT**

**AP Sports Writer**

**MOSCOW (AP)** — The IAAF called on Russia to reconsider its views on gays, but said Wednesday that it does not want to raise political issues about the country's new anti-gay legislation at the world championships.

IAAF deputy general secretary Nick Davies said it would be good for the Russian government to see people with "alternative lifestyles, and this may serve as an impetus for them to reconsider their

views instead of just living in an isolated society."

At the same time, Davies insisted the world championships should take on the credo of the Olympics and not raise political issues during their events. The athletics worlds start in Moscow Saturday.

Russia recently introduced a law that bans so-called "propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations" and imposes fines on those holding gay pride rallies.

There has been a groundswell of protest and unease outside Russia about the

issue, especially after the country's sports minister said last week that the law would be enforced during the Feb 7-23 Sochi Games — appearing to contradict assurances to the contrary from the IOC.

On Tuesday, U.S. President Barack Obama also criticized the law cracking down on gay rights activism, saying he has "no patience for countries that try to treat gays and lesbians and transgendered persons in ways that intimidate them or are harmful to them." □



# Union files appeal of Rodriguez's suspension

JAY COHEN

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — The Major League Baseball Players Association formally appealed Alex Rodriguez's 211-game suspension Wednesday, sending the case to an independent arbitrator. Union spokesman Greg Bouris confirmed the appeal and said the players' association had no further comment.

Rodriguez, who was back at third base and batting third for the New York Yankees against the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday night, said he had "no reaction" to the filing of the grievance. "I don't think any of us thought it was going to be any different," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "As far as having a reaction, it's kind of what I expected. It's part of the

process that was negotiated between MLB and the players' association and you let it play out. I expect him to play a lot. We need him to help us."

Major League Baseball declined comment.

Rodriguez was suspended through the 2014 season on Monday when the league penalized 13 players following an investigation into Biogenesis of America, a shuttled Florida anti-aging clinic accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs.

The other 12 players accepted 50-game suspensions, but Rodriguez said he planned to fight. Union head Michael Weiner said the punishment for the slugger was "way out of line." Rodriguez's punishment was scheduled to begin Thursday, but he is allowed

to keep playing until the grievance is heard by arbitrator Fredric Horowitz. He isn't expected to rule until November or December at the earliest.

Coming back from hip surgery in January, Rodriguez played his first game of the season Monday night in the series opener at Chicago. The three-time AL MVP singled in his first at-bat and was 2 for 6 with a walk in his first two games.

The 38-year-old Rodriguez has been booed lustily since his return, except for when he was hit by a pitch in the third inning of the Yankees' 3-2 loss Tuesday night. The Yankees are off Thursday and then open a three-game series against AL Central-leading Detroit on Friday night in New York. It will be the first home game for Rodriguez since



New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez signs autographs before a baseball game against the Chicago White Sox, Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013, in Chicago

Associated Press

the suspension was announced.

"I am curious what it's going to be like Friday," Girardi said. "I'm not sure. I don't think it's my right to tell people how to respond certain situations."

Rodriguez, who agreed to a 10-year, \$275 million contract with the Yankees in December 2007, is the majors' active leader with 647

career homers. He helped New York win the 2009 World Series, batting .365 with six homers and 18 RBIs in the postseason that year. In an interview on MLB Network Radio on Sirius XM, former teammate Johnny Damon said Wednesday that title would be diminished if Rodriguez used performance-enhancing drugs during the playoff run. □

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## NL Capsules

# Braves' win streak at 12 after 2-1 win over Nats

The Associated Press  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Hit by a pitch two innings after homering, Bryce Harper jawed and pointed at Atlanta's Julio Teheran, and the dugouts and bullpens emptied, but the only haymakers thrown during the NL East-leading Braves' 2-1 victory over the Nationals on Tuesday night came from the teams' Twitter feeds.

Evan Gattis' two-run single in the fifth inning and the six innings thrown by Teheran (9-5) while allowing one run combined to produce Atlanta's season-high 12th consecutive win, padding their NL East lead to 14½ games over Washington. Gattis' big hit came off Gio Gonzalez (7-5), who pitched one night after Major League Baseball announced its Biogenesis investigation cleared the left-hander.

### CARDINALS 5, DODGERS 1

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Carlos Beltran and Matt Adams homered in the eighth inning, and the St. Louis Cardinals snapped the Los Angeles Dodgers' 15-game road winning streak with a 5-1 victory on Tuesday night.

Joe Kelly pitched into the sixth inning, outperforming Clayton Kershaw and helping St. Louis to its fourth victory in the last six games. Tony Cruz added an RBI single.

Adrian Gonzalez hit a one-out RBI single off Kelly (3-3) in the sixth, but that was it for Los Angeles against the



Washington Nationals' Bryce Harper (34) points at Atlanta Braves starting pitcher Julio Teheran as he takes first base after being hit by a pitch during the fifth inning of a baseball game at Nationals Park on Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2013, in Washington.

Associated Press

right-hander. He left with runners on first and second and the Cardinals nursing a 2-1 lead.

Kershaw (10-7) allowed two runs and six hits in six innings for Los Angeles, which dropped to 15-3 since the All-Star break. The left-hander is 5-2 with a sparkling 1.62 ERA over his last eight starts.

### PIRATES 4, MARLINS 3

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Josh Harrison homered leading off the bottom of the ninth, lifting the Pirates to a win over the Marlins.

Harrison sent a fastball from Miami's Mike Dunn (2-3) into the first row of seats in left-center field for his first

career walk-off homer.

Dunn had worked out of a bases loaded, no-out jam in the eighth.

Bryan Morris (5-4) pitched a perfect top of the ninth for the victory. The Pirates have won three straight and are a season-high 24 games over .500 (68-44). Neil Walker had three hits for the Pirates.

Andrew McCutchen had two hits, including a two-run double, for Pittsburgh.

### PHILLIES 9, CUBS 8

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Darin Ruf and Chase Utley sparked a three-run fifth inning to lift the Phillies to a 9-8 win over the Cubs.

Utley, who had three hits,

drove in the tying run on a triple to deep center field. He soon scored on Dominican Brown's groundout to give the Phillies the lead. Ruf added one more on a solo home run, his fourth of the season.

Philadelphia tagged Edwin Jackson (7-12) for seven runs and 10 hits in six innings. Trailing 9-5 in the ninth, the Cubs scored three runs off Phillies closer Jonathan Papelbon before pinch-hitter Thomas Neal flew out with men on the corners to end it.

Kyle Kendrick (10-8) allowed five runs and six hits in six innings. He also had an RBI single.

### METS 3, ROCKIES 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Eric Young made a diving catch to take a go-ahead hit away from Todd Helton in the sixth inning, then raced home with the tie-breaking run in the eighth, and the Mets beat the Rockies.

The Rockies have lost 12 of 18 since the All-Star break and have scored five runs in their last three games.

LaTroy Hawkins got his first save since May 6, 2012, for the Angels.

Scott Atchison (2-0) pitched a scoreless eighth inning.

Eric Young led off the eighth with a single against Wilton Lopez (1-4). He was able to take second on Marlon Byrd's deep fly, putting him in position to make it home on Juan Lagares' infield single, a slow chopper to second base, that he just barely beat out.

Young sped up as he rounded third and beat the throw home.

### BREWERS 3, GIANTS 1

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Carlos Gomez homered, Wily Peralta outdueling Matt Cain to end a three-start winless stretch and the Brewers beat the Giants.

Gomez hit his 18th homer in the second as the Brewers jumped on Cain (7-7) early. Jonathan Lucroy added a ninth-inning sacrifice fly.

Peralta (8-11) struck out six of nine batters during an early sequence and finished with six Ks in 6 1-3 innings for his first career victory against the Giants. □

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The Astros led 7-3 before a five-run fifth inning, highlighted by a two-run double by Lavarney gave Boston a one-run lead.

The Red Sox tacked on five more runs in the sixth, capped by the pinch-hit homer by Gomes.

Robbie Grossman, Brett Wallace and Jake Elmore homered for the Astros, who have lost five of six.

RANGERS 8, ANGELS 3  
ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Adrian Beltre drove in

the tiebreaking run in the eighth, Yu Darvish pitched seven solid innings, and the Rangers beat the Angels for their eighth win in nine games.

Elvis Andrus had three hits and scored the go-ahead run as the Rangers won their third straight and moved within one game of AL West-leading Oakland, which lost at Cincinnati.

Darvish (11-5) allowed eight hits in his least effective start since returning from the disabled list late last month.

But the major leagues' strikeouts leader still es-

caped a seventh-inning jam, and he got the win when Beltre singled against Kevin Jepsen (1-3).

Kole Calhoun and Mike Trout led off the first inning with back-to-back homers for the Angels, who have lost nine of 12.

Tanner Scheppers pitched two scoreless innings for his first save of the season.

### BLUE JAYS 7, MARINERS 2

SEATTLE (AP) — Jose Reyes homered on the first pitch of the game, added an RBI single to cap Toronto's big fourth inning, and the Blue Jays handed Seattle ace

Felix Hernandez his first loss since late May with a win over the Mariners.

The Blue Jays battered Hernandez (11-5) and knocked him out after just five innings, matching his shortest start of the season. A leading contender for a second AL Cy Young Award, Hernandez got no help from his defense that committed three errors that led to three unearned runs while he was on the mound.

Despite lasting just five innings, Hernandez's ERA only rose from 2.30 to 2.39.

Hernandez had not lost since May 25, a span of 12 starts. Toronto's Josh Johnson (2-8) pitched well with his potential spot in the rotation at stake.

Johnson threw five scoreless innings and won for the first time since June 23, snapping a six-game losing streak.

In other AL games it was Toronto 7, Seattle 2; Texas 8, LA Angels 3; Boston 15, Houston 10; Chicago White Sox 3, NY Yankees 2; Minnesota 7, Kansas City 0; and Detroit 5, Cleveland 1. □



# Change of guard for U.S. after standout Olympics

RAF CASERT  
AP Sports Writer

**MOSCOW (AP)** — One year after a remarkable Olympics, an encore at the world championships was always going to be tough for a U.S. track team flush with fresh faces.

The Americans won a whopping 29 medals at the London Games, but heading into Moscow they are in building mode.

Even Allyson Felix, still only 27 but one of the most successful athletes in world championships history with eight gold medals, suddenly finds herself a vet-

eran.

"Yes," Felix said Wednesday in a fake, drawn-out voice, "I am old now."

In a sense, she is, considering she burst onto the scene a decade ago at the 2003 worlds in Paris and has now become someone the rookies can look up to.

"It is great to be able to give them some advice," said Felix, who also won three gold medals at the London Olympics. "It is definitely a different experience to be one of the older people on the team now." Years ago, it was a teenage Felix mak-

ing her name on the team. Now there's Mary Cain, a 17-year-old rookie looking to learn all she can from her first worlds.

For Brianna Rollins, it will be different. The 21-year-old American already showed her stuff when she ran the fastest 100-meter hurdles in 21 years at the U.S. championships.

If she continues her sterling form and holds off Olympic champion Sally Pearson of Australia to win the event in Moscow, Rollins will be the youngest world gold medalist in the event.

For men's head coach

Mike Holloway, the formula to stimulate them is as easy as effective.

"I encourage them to do the things that they did to get here," Holloway said. "Don't change anything." And for the veterans, Holloway wants them to "share their experiences, make them understand what it takes."

The impact of youth can even be felt on some of the star-studded athletes

still dealing with the physical and emotional wear and tear of an Olympic year.

Olympic decathlon champion Ashton Eaton gets a jolt just spending time with the new kids.

"They bring a different fire to the team," Eaton said. "You can see the enthusiasm and the newness in their eyes and you are kind of like, OK, I'll show you how it is done." □



Ashton Eaton, left, and Allyson Felix, of the United States, smile during a news conference ahead of the start of the IAAF World Athletics championships in Moscow, Russia, on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013. Associated Press

## Minor league team faked rejected marriage proposal

**NEW BRITAIN, Connecticut (AP)** — A minor league baseball team acknowledged Wednesday that it staged a rejected marriage proposal during a recent game as a publicity stunt.

The Double-A New Britain Rock Cats, an affiliate of the Minnesota Twins, issued a statement saying the club had two employees pretend to be a couple taking part in a between-innings trivia contest Friday.

The third question in the contest was a surprise marriage proposal to which

the woman on the field replies, "I'm sorry, I can't, I'm sorry" and then flees. The man then also runs off the field and into the Rock Cats dugout.

A video of the stunt has been viewed more than 600,000 times on YouTube and was the subject of several news stories, some of which questioned its authenticity.

The club confirmed the hoax in a news release.

"After watching a public proposal, we talked about what would happen if the answer were 'no,' and how that might affect a

crowd and those viewing it after on video," said Mike Abramson, the team's vice president of marketing.

"We worked with two of our staff on the skit and executed a digital strategy to set the video on a viral path; we could not be more pleased with the outcome."

Abramson issued an apology to anyone who might have been offended.

"This endeavor was intended to entertain and remind fans you never know what you're going to see at a Rock Cats game," he said. □

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## Murray, Nadal win in Montreal



**Andy Murray, from Great Britain, runs for the ball against Marcel Granollers, from Spain, during the Rogers Cup men's tennis tournament in Montreal on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013.**

Associated Press

MONTREAL (AP) — Andy Murray made a successful return in his first match since winning at Wimbledon, beating Spain's Marcel Granollers 6-4, 7-6 (2) on Wednesday in the second round of the Rogers Cup.

The second-seeded Murray, a two-time Rogers Cup champion, won his

13th straight match, including his victories at London and Wimbledon, where the Scot became the first male British champion in 77 years.

"I was pretty nervous beforehand — that was a good sign," Murray said. "I'm pretty ready to move forward and not think too much about Wimbledon

and concentrate on the U.S. Open.

"I think in some ways, it's nice. I'll probably never feel that same pressure again. That's why I was nervous today. That's why I'm really happy. It wasn't my best tennis, but the nerves were there and that's a good sign."

Murray will face Latvia's Ernests Gulbis, a 6-3, 1-6, 6-1 winner over Italy's Fabio Fognini.

Rafael Nadal also opened with a victory, routing Canada's Jesse Levine 6-2, 6-0. Also, fifth-seeded Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic beat Ukraine's Alexandr Dolgoplov 6-3, 6-4; France's Benoit Paire topped eighth-seeded Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland 6-2, 7-6 (2); and Marinko Matosevic had a 5-0 lead with 10th-seeded Tommy Haas of Germany retired. □



**John Isner, of the United States, tosses the ball to serve to Canada's Vasek Pospisil at the Rogers Cup men's tennis tournament Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2013, in Montreal.**

Associated Press

## Isner's loss means no U.S. men in next week's ATP top 20

MONTREAL (AP) — Next week, for the first time in 40 years of ATP rankings, there will be no American men in the top 20.

That's because John Isner,

who is 20th this week, is assured of dropping lower after losing Tuesday in the first round of the Rogers Cup to Vasek Pospisil of Canada 5-7, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4).

Isner was a semifinalist at the hard-court tournament last year and failed to defend those ranking points.

It's the latest indication of the recent decline of men's tennis in the United States, which produced Grand Slam champions such as Bill Tilden and Don Budge, John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors, Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi.

At Wimbledon in June, for the first time in 101 years, no men from the United States reached the third round at the All England Club. The last time no American men got that far at Wimbledon was in 1912 when none entered.

The U.S. Open, which starts Aug. 26, will mark 10 years since the last time an American man won a Grand Slam tournament — Andy Roddick at the 2003 U.S. Open.

Roddick was a fixture in the top 10 until a series of injuries hampered him shortly before he retired during last year's U.S. Open.

According to the ATP, at least one American man has appeared in the top 20 every week since the first computer rankings came out on Aug. 23, 1973. The new rankings will come out Monday. □

## Billie Jean King talks life ahead of PBS profile

BETH HARRIS  
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP) — Billie Jean King said Tuesday that she couldn't have revealed herself as being gay in the 1970s because it would have damaged the fledgling women's professional tennis tour.

King became the first prominent female athlete to come out as gay in 1981 after her partner filed a paternity lawsuit against her. "I don't think it would have helped the situation. I think it would have hurt us more because we were just getting started," she told a Television Critics Association session.

The 69-year-old King will be the first sports figure to be profiled on the Public Broadcasting Service's "American Masters." Her episode airs Sept. 10 in commemoration of the 40th anniversaries of her match with Bobby Riggs and the founding of the Women's Tennis Association.

King told the assembled TV critics that the women's pro tour was just in its third year

of existence in 1973 when she beat Riggs in their landmark "Battle of the Sexes" match.

"It was such a tenuous position," she said. "We were labeled all the time 'women's libbers.' We were just always under the gun from the media. When I played Bobby Riggs, there wasn't one woman sports reporter (covering the match)."

King said she fought for 48 consecutive hours with her attorney and publicist about holding a news conference to announce her sexuality after she was sued by partner, Marilyn Barnett. "The essence was I was outed, and at that time, I was still trying to find myself," she said.

"My poor parents are homophobic. I grew up homophobic, so you can imagine this challenge. I didn't get comfortable in my own skin until I was 51 about being gay."

King also recalled her reaction when promoter Gladys Heldman told her she had signed Virginia Slims as a sponsor for the startup WTA Tour.

"I, personally, never



**In this July 15, 2000 file photo, tennis greats Martina Navratilova, left, and Billie Jean King react after their enshrinement at the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, R.I.**

Associated Press

smoked. I didn't like it, but I dealt with it. It was difficult," King said.

She was playing a full schedule of matches at the same time she was helping launch the women's pro tour, which lacked infra-

structure in its early days.

"When people say, 'What do you remember about the '70s?' I go, 'I was tired,'" King said. "I was exhausted every moment. But God gave me extra energy, so I'm very fortunate." □





In this Wednesday, June 19, 2013 photo, dice printed from a 3D Printer are seen at the Shapeways factory in the Queens borough of New York.

Associated Press

PETER SVENSSON

AP Technology Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — It looks like a bakery. A warm glow emanates from the windows of big, oven-like machines, and a dusting of white powder covers everything. This space in an anonymous building in New York's Long Island City neighborhood, just across the river from Manhattan, isn't cooking up breads and pastries, however. It's a factory, filled with 3-D printers "baking" items by blasting a fine plastic dust with lasers. When a production run is done, a cubic foot (0.0283 cubic meters) of white

dust comes out of each machine. Packed inside the loose powder like dinosaur bones in sand are hundreds of unique products, from custom iPhone cases to action figures to egg cups. Manufacturing is coming back to New York, but not in a shape anyone's seen before. The movement to take 3-D printing into the mainstream has found a home in one of the most expensive cities in the U.S. New York's factories used to build battleships, stitch clothing and refine sugar, but those industries have largely departed. In recent years, manufacturing has been leaving the U.S.

## Fledgling 3-D printing industry finds home in NYC



In this Wednesday, June 19, 2013 photo, an engineer at Shapeways removes finished products from a 3D Printer at the company's factory in the Queens borough of New York.

Associated Press

altogether. But 3-D printing is a different kind of industry, one that doesn't require large machinery or smokestacks.

"Now technology has caught up, and we're capable of doing manufacturing locally again," says Peter Weijmarshausen, CEO of Shapeways, the company that runs the factory in Long Island City. Weijmarshausen moved the company here from The Netherlands. Another company that makes 3-D printers, MakerBot, just opened a factory in Brooklyn. And in Brooklyn's Navy Yard, where warships were once built to supply the Arsenal of Democracy, there's a "New Lab," which serves as a collaborative workspace for designers, engineers and 3-D printers. 3-D printers have been around for decades, used by industrial engineers to produce prototypes. In the last few years, the technology has broken out of its old niche to reach tinkers and early technology adopters. It's the consumerization of 3-D printing that's found a hub in New York.

The technology brings manufacturing closer to designers, which New York has in droves.

Shapeways' production

process is fairly simple. Anyone can upload a 3-D design to Shapeways' website and submit an order to have it "printed" in plastic at the factory. The company charges based on the amount of material a design uses and then ships the final product to the customer. iPhone cases are popular, but many items are so unique they can only be identified by their designer, such as the replacement dispenser latch for a Panasonic bread maker. There's an active group of designers who are "Bronies" — adult fans of the show "My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic" — who print their own ponies. The company prints in a wider range of materials, including sandstone and ceramic, at its original factory in Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

If that was all Shapeways did, the company would be little more than an outsourced machine shop. But with the help of the Internet, it's taking the business model one step further. Anyone can set up a "shop" on the Shapeways site and let people order prints from their designs. Want a replica skeleton of a Death's-head Hawkmoth? That's \$15. How about a full-color sandstone sculpture of ac-

tor Keanu Reeves? He's \$45.

Under the old mass production model, Weijmarshausen says, designers first need to figure out if there's a market for their product, then raise money for production, and then find a manufacturer, who usually has to custom-make dies for molding plastic. The cost can run to tens of thousands of dollars. After that, the designer must get the product distributed and find out how customers react to it.

"With the Shapeways shop, that process is completely condensed," Weijmarshausen says. "If there is no market for your product, then the only thing you lose is some time."

For its part, MakerBot is spearheading another side of the 3-D printing boom by making affordable desktop 3-D printers. About the size of a microwave oven, the printers feed melted plastic out of "print heads" that move in three dimensions, gradually building objects as the plastic cools. Instead of sending a 3-D design to Shapeways, a MakerBot owner can print an object in plastic at home, as long as it's smaller than a loaf of bread. MakerBot's printers range in price from \$2,200 to \$2,800. □

### IDC: Android extends lead over iPhone in 2Q

NEW YORK (AP) — Research firm IDC says Apple's iPhone continued to lose market share to Android phones in the second quarter.

IDC says the iPhone remains No. 2 behind Android, even without new Apple products driving purchases. Its market share is expected to grow again when a new iPhone comes out, likely this fall.

In the April-June period, Android phones accounted for 79 percent of worldwide shipments, up from 69 percent a year ago. The number of Android phones shipped grew nearly 74 percent to 187 million. IDC says shipments of iPhones also grew, by 20 percent to 31 million. But market share fell to 13 percent from nearly 17 percent.

Microsoft's Windows Phone was third in the second quarter, with a nearly 4 percent share, followed by BlackBerry, with almost 3 percent. □



## Weak earnings drag Wall Street lower

MATTHEW CRAFT  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Disappointing earnings news and a slump in bank stocks tugged the stock market down Wednesday, giving major indexes their first three-day drop since June. Banks had some of the biggest losses following news that the government filed lawsuits accusing Bank of America of misleading investors.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 6.46 points, or 0.4 percent, to close at 1,690.91. Seven of the index's 10 industry groups ended lower.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 48.07 points, or 0.3 percent, to 15,470.67.

The Nasdaq composite lost 11.76 points, or 0.3 percent, to 3,654.01.

The S&P 500 has drifted down 1.1 percent since reaching an all-time high of 1,709.67 on Friday. Trading has been thin this week, and warnings of slowing sales and tepid quarterly results have given investors no reason to push the market higher.

"I'm not concerned about the market being down over a few days given how much it's run up," said Paul Zensky, the head of multi-asset strategies at ING Investment Management. "Put it in context, and it's not concerning."

The S&P 500 index closed above 1,700 points for

the first time last Thursday and has already surged 18.6 percent this year. If the broad-market measure stays put for the rest of 2013, it would still be the S&P 500's best year since 2009.

In separate lawsuits filed Tuesday, the Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission said the country's second-largest bank failed to tell investors about the risks involved in a 2008 sale of mortgage-backed bonds. BofA fell 11 cents, or 1 percent, to \$14.53.

Walt Disney reported quarterly earnings late Tuesday that narrowly beat Wall Street's estimates, but revenue came up short. □



Trader David O'Day talks into his mobile phone as he works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Disappointing earnings tugged the stock market down Wednesday, August 07, 2013. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

## Mondelez beats expectations, hikes buybacks

NEW YORK (AP) — Oreo cookie maker Mondelez International Inc. reported a better-than-expected profit Wednesday and sharply raised its stock buyback authorization to \$6 billion. The increase in authorized share repurchases from \$1.2 billion comes after activist investor Nelson Peltz said he wanted PepsiCo Inc. to shed its soda business and buy Mondelez to form a global snack powerhouse.

Peltz of Trian Fund Management also noted that Mon-

delez CEO Irene Rosenfeld was "running out of time" with investors, given the company's underwhelming results since its split with Kraft Foods last year.

Mondelez, which makes Cadbury chocolates, Trident gum and Ritz crackers, also said it's increasing its dividend by 8 percent. Its stock rose 2 percent to \$31.99.

For the quarter, the company said it earned \$616 million, or 34 cents per share.

That compares with \$1.03

billion, or 58 cents per share, a year ago, when it was still combined with Kraft Foods Group Inc.

Not including one-time items, it earned 37 cents per share, which was 3 cents more than Wall Street expected.

Revenue edged up to \$8.6 billion, shy of the \$8.63 billion analysts expected.

The Deerfield, Illinois-based company said it still expects a full-year adjusted profit of \$1.55 to \$1.60 per share. □



A branded flag flies outside the ING head office in Amsterdam. ING Groep NV, the Dutch banking and insurance group, reported their quarterly financials on Wednesday, August 07, 2013. (AP Photo/Peter Dejong)

## ING Groep 2Q profit dips on hedging; operations improve

TOBY STERLING

AP Business Writer

AMSTERDAM (AP) — ING Groep NV, the Dutch banking and insurance group, says net profit was 39 percent lower in the second quarter from the same period a year ago, on losses incurred on a U.S. retirement product and on discontinued operations, and because it booked large one-time gains in 2012 on its pension plans.

However the company said Wednesday the operational picture at both its insurance arms and banking arms is improving, five years after its bailout by the Dutch state — which has still not been fully repaid.

Second-quarter net profit was 788 million euros (\$1.05 billion), down 39 percent from 1.29 billion euros in the same period a year earlier. ING said Wednesday its underlying banking earnings had improved to 1.15 billion euros from 1.01 billion euros, as its loan margins expanded and it saw strong deposit inflows.

The company said insurance operations were thriving — however it no longer reports them as a single unit. It plans to sell shares in its European and Asian insurance operations next year. It has already done the same for its U.S. arm this year.

"The financial performance in all three business segments was robust in the second quarter," said CEO Jan Hommen, who is due to retire in favor of Ralph Hamers in October. He praised the bank num-

bers as showing one of the strongest returns on investment the bank has seen since the crisis began, "despite higher risk costs (provisions against bad loans), reflecting the challenging economic climate."

Shares rose 3.1 percent to 8.104 euros in early trading in Amsterdam.

The U.S. insurance arm was hit by large losses on its variable annuities division, which is hedged to lose money when stock markets rise — as they have recently.

The arm's operating result was 140 million euros, a 37 percent rise from a year ago. But that turned to a loss of 19 million euros after accounting for the hedge, while a year earlier, similar hedges in a falling market led to the opposite effect: a profit of 392 million euros. ING's European/Asian insurance arm operating result was up 26 percent to 256 million euros, as earlier cost-cutting efforts bore fruit.

But not included in the operational numbers were a 98 million euro charge on discontinued insurance operations in Asia that made 111 million euros profit a year earlier.

Also, the company last year booked a profit of around 300 million last year after switching its Dutch employee pensions to a "defined contribution," instead of a "defined benefit" system. ING still owes the Dutch state 2.2 billion euros, due to be repaid by 2015, so it doesn't plan to pay any dividends this year. □



## Profits flat at Disney; ESPN, parks smooth film setbacks

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**LOS ANGELES** - The Walt Disney Co. on this week reported a quarterly profit of \$1.85 billion, essentially flat from the same period last year, as strong performances from ESPN and theme parks offset weak movie results. Net income at Walt Disney Studios fell 36 percent in Disney's fiscal third quarter, to \$201 million, in part because of marketing expenses for the unsuccessful "Lone Ranger." More pain from that bomb was expected. Although Disney did not formally announce a write-down, the company's executives were expected to address the movie's impact on the current quarter in a Tuesday conference call with analysts. "The Lone Ranger," starring Johnny Depp, directed by Gore Verbinski and produced by Jerry Bruckheimer, cost about \$400 million to make and market, but since its release July 3 it has taken in only \$175.6 million worldwide, roughly half of which goes to theater owners. As a point of comparison, Disney's "John Carter," widely reported as one of the biggest money losers in Hollywood history, took in \$282.8 million worldwide.

For the quarter that ended June 29, Disney reported net income of \$1.85 billion, or 1.01 cents a share, compared with \$1.83 billion, or \$1.01 cents a share, in the year-ago quarter. Revenue climbed 4 percent, to \$11.58 billion. As usual, Media Networks, a division that includes ESPN and Disney Channel, drove the company's financial performance; the unit reported operating income of \$2.3 billion, an increase of 8 percent. ESPN benefited from contractual rate increases from cable providers and higher advertising sales. Disney's theme parks reported operating income of \$689 million, a 9 percent increase. □

## Time Warner 2Q net income jumps 87 percent

**BREE FOWLER**

AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Investments in mythical kingdoms, alien invasions and a famously flamboyant musician are paying off for Time Warner.

The company, which owns HBO, CNN, TNT and Warner Bros., said on Wednesday that it posted an 87 percent jump in net income in the April-June quarter thanks to spending on quality original programming that helped to boost viewer interest, and revenue, at its television networks.

The results beat Wall Street's predictions and the New York-based company raised its full-year guidance.

Time Warner Inc.'s stock rose \$1.14, or 2 percent, to \$65.22 in afternoon trading after earlier hitting \$66, its highest price in more than a decade.

Chairman and CEO Jeff Bewkes pointed to popular series such as TNT's "Falling Skies," which tells the story of humans fighting an alien invasion, "Game

of Thrones," HBO's critically acclaimed fantasy drama series, along with HBO's Emmy-nominated Liberace biopic "Behind the Candelabra." He said those and other original shows, coupled with another strong NBA season, helped draw viewers, advertisers and affiliates to Time Warner's networks. As a result, revenue at the division increased 7 percent to \$3.84 billion.

"We had about double the number of original hours in prime time this quarter compared to last year and it is paying off," Bewkes said on a conference call with investors. Ratings on the company's prime-time originals more than doubled from the same quarter a year ago, he added. Bewkes also noted that Time Warner's TNT and TBS networks ended the quarter as two of the top advertising-supported cable networks for viewers in the 18 to 49 age range. In addition, ratings at CNN jumped nearly 70 percent among its target audience and HBO viewership re-

mained strong.

Wedbush analyst James Dix backed his "Outperform" rating for Time Warner's stock, noting that the company's increase in network revenue was better than he expected. He attributed the strong growth to a jump in advertising

strong ticket sales for "Man of Steel," "The Hangover Part III" and "The Great Gatsby."

Those gains more than offset lower revenue at the company's publishing division. Time Warner had planned to spin off its ailing Time Inc. magazine



The Time Warner Center is shown in New York. Time Warner Cable Inc. reported strong quarterly earnings on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

revenue that more than offset slightly lower-than-expected growth in subscription revenue.

Outside of the network division, revenue at the company's Warner Bros. film and TV entertainment division increased 13 percent to \$2.94 billion on

unit by the end of this year, but said Wednesday that it needs more time and that the spin-off would instead be complete by early next year. Revenue at the publishing division fell 3 percent to \$833 million on both lower subscription and advertising sales. □

## Freddie Mac earns \$5 billion in second quarter

**MARCY GORDON**

AP Business Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Freddie Mac earned \$5 billion from April through June, the seventh straight profitable quarter for the mort-

largely to increased profits from investments made to hedge against rising interest rates. That helped offset losses on mortgages during the quarter.

Freddie will pay a dividend

the financial crisis in 2008. Together, they received loans of about \$187 billion. A housing recovery that began last year has made both profitable again. Combined, they have paid back roughly \$136 billion of their government loans. Those payments are helping to make this year's federal budget deficit the smallest since President Barack Obama took office. Once the second-quarter dividend is paid, Freddie will have repaid \$41.4 billion of the roughly \$71.3 billion it received from taxpayers.

Fannie and Freddie own or guarantee about half of all U.S. mortgages, worth about \$5 trillion. Along with other federal agencies, they back roughly 90 percent of new mortgages. Fannie and Freddie don't make direct loans. They buy mortgages from lenders, package them as bonds, guarantee them

against default and sell them to investors. That helps make loans available and exert influence over the housing market. On Tuesday, Obama proposed a broad overhaul of the U.S. mortgage finance system, including winding down Fannie and Freddie. He declared that taxpayers should never again be left "holding the bag" for the mortgage giants' risky moves.

Obama wants to replace them with a system that would put the private sector, not the government, primarily at risk for the loans. The government would still be involved, both in oversight and as a last-resort loan guarantor. Obama also wants a guarantee that private lenders will make sure homeowners have access to 30-year fixed mortgages.

Nearly all of Freddie's second-quarter profit is going back to the government. □



A home is seen for sale Tuesday, July 30, 2013 in Gilbert, Ariz. Freddie Mac reported its seventh straight profitable quarter on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2013. (AP Photo/Matt York)

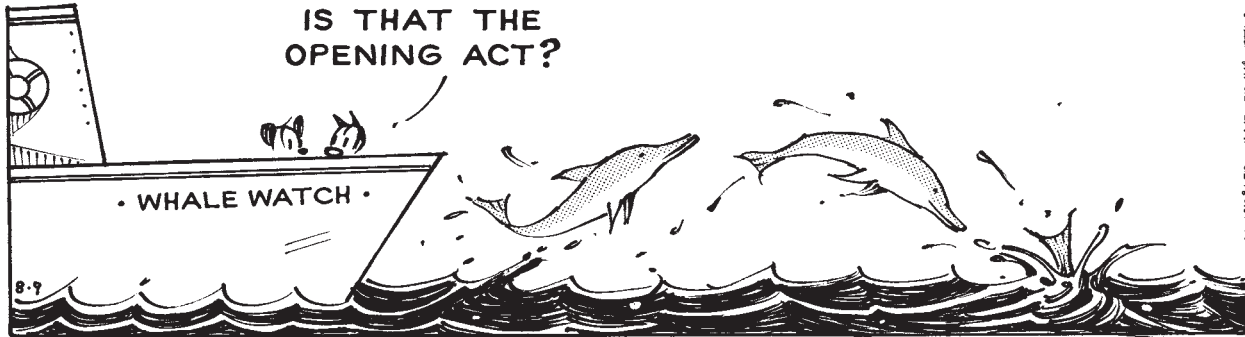
gage giant. The second-quarter gain reported Wednesday compares with net income of \$3 billion in the same period of 2012. Freddie says their earnings were due

of \$4.4 billion to the U.S. Treasury next month and is requesting no additional aid.

The government rescued Freddie and larger sibling Fannie Mae during



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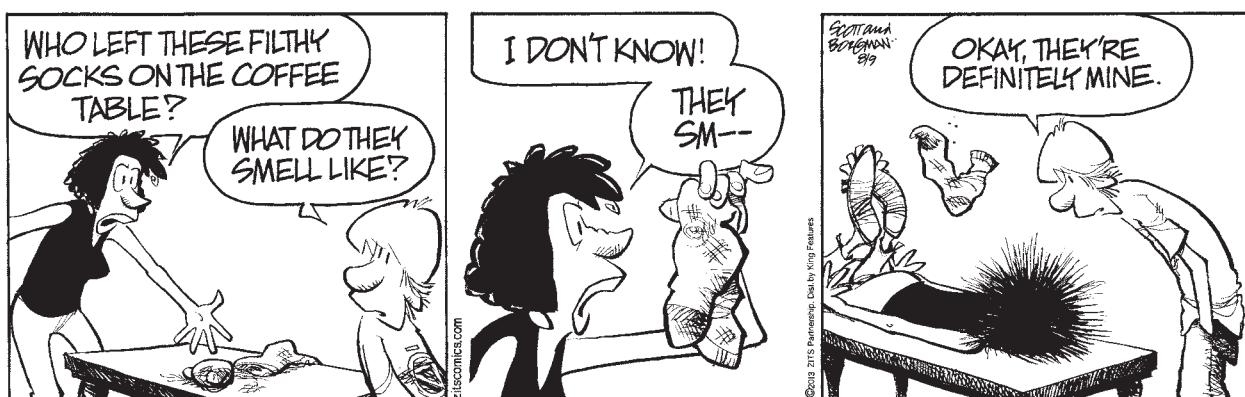
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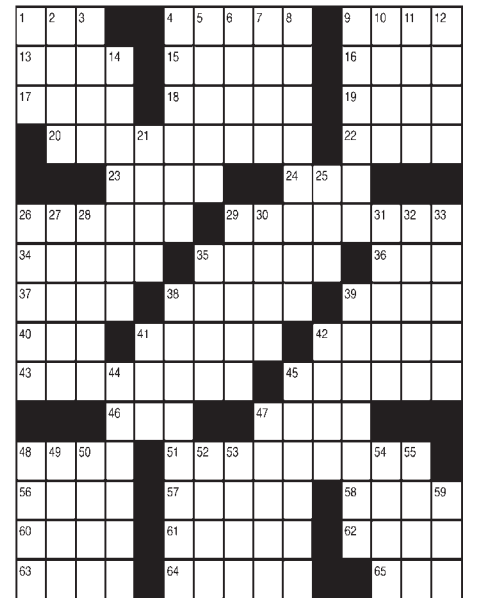
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## Chasing Milestones And Money

BENJAMIN HOFFMAN

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As Alex Rodriguez marched toward his career total through Monday of 647 home runs, he passed many of the greatest hitters to ever play.

In 2008, he overtook Mickey Mantle and Mike Schmidt. In 2009, he passed Reggie Jackson and Harmon Killebrew. In 2010, he left Frank Robinson in his rear window.

Along the way, Rodriguez also passed a number of players who, like him, have a cloud of suspicion hanging over their careers because of their links to performance-enhancing drugs.

Now, with 13 more home runs needed entering Tuesday's game, Rodriguez could reach one of baseball's most famous numbers, 660, the career home run total of Willie Mays. When and if he does hit that number, Rodriguez will receive a \$6 million bonus as part of his much-maligned 10-year contract with the New York Yankees. While Rodriguez will very likely never be a great hitter again, the Yankees should be ready to pay that bonus at some point, if not this season. It is a goal that Rodriguez should eventually be expected to reach, even if he is eventually swinging one-handed. For a player with more than \$300 million in career earnings, a \$6 million bonus might seem somewhat insignificant. But Rodriguez is likely to lose a considerable amount of money to some sort of suspension after his current appeal runs its course. That probably makes the \$6 million more important to Rodriguez, and probably makes him more motivated to earn it. Assuming he does, imagine how much the Yankees - who have little regard for Rodriguez these days - will win when they have to sign the check.

The number 13 also happens to be Rodriguez's uniform number with the Yankees. It is worth noting, too, that in 2007, the season in which Rodriguez won his third Most Valuable Player

award, he hit his first 13 home runs of the season in the first 18 games of April.

Of course, that was a very different Rodriguez from the one the Yankees have had for the last few seasons. Rodriguez's last 13 home runs have come over the course of 81 games and 354 plate appearances. The most he hit in a month last season was six, and he hit five over his last 47 games. Things botched out in the playoffs when Rodriguez hit .120 in seven games and embarrassingly spent time on the bench in favor of Raul Ibanez.

But now, six months after his second hip operation, Rodriguez appears relatively comfortable at the plate, hitting a deep home run in his second-to-last minor league rehabilitation game that could portend some much-needed right-handed production for the Yankees.

"He looked a lot more explosive to me," Yankees manager Joe Girardi told reporters when asked to compare the Rodriguez from late last season with the one he watched go for 1 for 4 in his return to major league competition Monday night.

There is no timetable for Rodriguez's appeal of his 211-game suspension, but Michael Weiner, the head of the players union, indicated Monday that any decision from baseball's arbitrator might not come until after the regular season.

So, beginning Tuesday night, in another game against the Chicago White Sox, Rodriguez would have 51 more games to pursue Mays and that bonus, assuming he remains healthy enough to play every day. □

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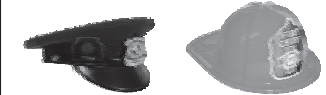
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# U.S., family reach deal on use of DNA information



**This 1940s photo made available by the family shows Henrietta Lacks.**  
**Associated Press**

**MALCOLM RITTER**  
**AP Science Writer**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Some 60

years ago, an American doctor removed cancer cells from a poor black patient named Henrietta Lacks without her knowledge or consent. Those cells eventually helped lead to a multitude of medical treatments and laid the groundwork for the multibillion-dollar biotech industry. The Baltimore woman's saga was made famous by the 2010 best-seller "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks."

Now, for the first time, the Lacks family has been given a say over at least some research involving her cells. Lacks' family members have never shared in any of the untold riches unlocked by the material, called HeLa cells, and they won't make any money

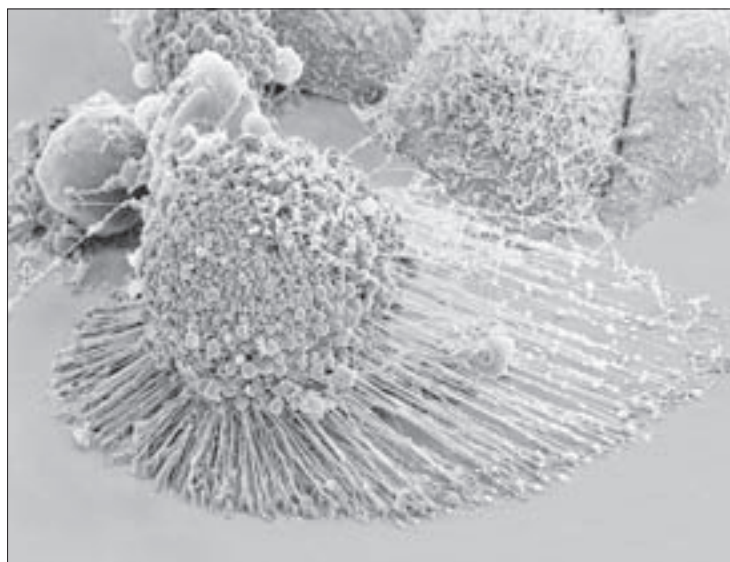
under the agreement announced Wednesday by the family and the National Institutes of Health.

But they will have some control over scientists' access to the cells' DNA code. And the Lacks family will receive acknowledgement in the scientific papers that result.

The agreement came after the family raised privacy concerns about making Henrietta Lacks' genetic makeup public. Since DNA is inherited, information from her DNA could be used to make predictions about the disease risk and other traits of her modern-day descendants.

Under the agreement, two family members will sit on a six-member committee that will regulate access to the genetic code.

"The main issue was the privacy concern and what



**This undated scanning electron micrograph image made available by the National Institutes of Health and National Center for Microscopy in August 2013 shows HeLa cells.**  
**Associated Press**

information in the future might be revealed," David Lacks Jr., grandson of Henrietta Lacks, said at a news conference.

Jeri Lacks Whye, a granddaughter who lives in Baltimore, called the agreement historic.

"In the past, the Lacks family has been left in the dark" about research stemming from HeLa cells, she said. Now, "we are excited to be part of the important HeLa science to come." Medical ethicists praised the NIH action. There was no legal obligation to give the family any control over access to the genetic data.

"They're doing the right thing," said Dr. Ellen Wright Clayton of Vanderbilt University's Centre for Biomedical Ethics and Society. "Having people at the table makes a difference in what you do," she said, noting that some Native American groups have a similar arrangement with researchers.

Rebecca Skloot, author of the acclaimed 2010 book, sat in on the negotiations leading to the agreement, and she said family members never demanded money.

"This discussion wasn't about money for them," she said. Skloot noted that family members are earning income from a packed schedule of speaking engagements and have also received donations from a foundation the writer established.

Henrietta Lacks, who died in 1951 at age 31, was being treated for aggressive cervical cancer at Johns Hopkins Hospital when the cells were removed. The lack of consent was typical of the time, long before modern-day rules were put in place.

The cells were the first human cells that could be grown indefinitely in a laboratory. They became crucial for key developments in such areas as vaccines and cancer treatments. HeLa cells are the most widely used human cell line in existence today. But Lacks died of her disease without knowing about them, and family members didn't learn of them until 25 years later.

They weren't told in the 1970s, when doctors did research on Lacks' children. And in the 1980s, family medical records were published without family consent, said Rebecca Skloot, author of the 2010 book.

The story took a new turn in March, when German researchers published the DNA code, or genome, of a strain of HeLa cells. The researchers hadn't sought permission from the Lacks family before publishing, and the family found out about it from Skloot.

"It was shocking and little disappointing, knowing that Henrietta's information was out there," Whye said. "It was like her medical records are just there to view with the click of the button. They didn't come

to the family. ... It was like history was repeating itself."

After complaints, the researchers removed the genome data from public databases.

Meanwhile, a team from the University of Washington had derived a genome from a different HeLa strain with funding from the NIH and submitted it for publication.

The new agreement will restrict access to the genome data from both studies. Researchers who want to use that data will have to ask permission from the six-member committee.

Applicants will have to agree to restrictions such as not sharing the DNA information with others, reporting back on their results, and acknowledging the Lacks family in their publications.

The deal also covers any future HeLa genomes produced with NIH funding.

"They've basically put (the family) at the table where the decisions are going to be made. That's really a common-sense thing to have done," said Dr. Robert Cook-Deegan of Duke University's Institute for Genome Sciences & Policy.

The family has a legitimate right to say, "We want this to be a partnership, not an exploitation," Cook-Deegan said.

He and Clayton said the Lacks saga was so unusual that they don't expect the agreement to be repeated for other cases. But they said the deal highlights the ethical issues surrounding the handling of DNA and other biological samples from patients in research.

Clayton said she thinks it will promote the idea of controlling access to genome information, or at least obtaining explicit and informed consent from donors before putting such information in publicly accessible databases.

Cook-Deegan said the agreement promotes the idea that donors or their family should have some kind of say over how their DNA or tissue is used for research. □

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This April 23, 2013 file photo shows writer George Saunders at the TIME 100 Gala celebrating the "100 Most Influential People in the World" in New York.

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## George Saunders turns viral grad speech into book

NEW YORK (AP) — Best-selling author George Saunders is turning his U.S. graduation speech that went viral into a book.

"Congratulations, by the Way," an expanded version of his commencement speech to the Syracuse University class of 2013, is scheduled for publication by Random House in 2014.

The speech is a meditation on the importance of kindness. He says what he regrets in life are "failures of kindness" and "as a goal in life, you could do worse than: Try to be kinder."

Text of the speech quickly spread on social networks and blogs.

Saunders' most recent collection of short stories, "Tenth of December," was published by Random House this year. □

# 'Breaking Bad' star Dean Norris: never misses it

FRAZIER MOORE

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The wait is almost over.

Since the debut of "Breaking Bad" in January 2008, this drama series — horrifying, funny, twisted and addictive — has kept its audience guessing.

But one thing seemed certain from the earliest days. Walter White — the milquetoast-chemistry-teacher-turned-drug-kingpin — was on a collision course with Hank, his brother-in-law and a Drug Enforcement agent who was soon hot on the trail of the mysterious meth mass-producer known as Heisenberg.

In the final moments of the episode that ended last summer's run, Hank, seated on his toilet leafing through a book of poems, had an epiphany: To his shock, dismay and rage, he realized that Walt is the culprit he's been looking for the whole time.

Now "Breaking Bad" is returning for its eight final episodes starting Sunday at 9 p.m. EDT. (Stop reading



This publicity image released by AMC shows Dean Norris as Hank Schrader, left, and Bryan Cranston as Walter White in "Breaking Bad."

Associated Press

if you don't want to hear about it.)

The showdown the audience awaited so long is about to take place, placing Hank in direct conflict with the villainous hero.

And it allows Dean Norris, who has played Hank so skillfully for five seasons, to boldly go mano-a-mano with series star Bryan Cranston in their roles as now-out-in-the-open archenemies.

"All along it was YOU," Hank seethes in the opener. "I will put you under the jail!"

"In six months you won't have someone to prosecute," taunts Walt, who, after all, is dying from terminal cancer. Then he adds as a barely veiled threat: "Maybe your best course would be to tread lightly."

Don't bet on Hank Schrader to tread lightly.

This is a high-profile summer for Dean Norris, who, in June, premiered in "Under the Dome," playing crafty city father "Big Jim" Rennie on the hit sci-fi thriller. Airing Mondays at 10 p.m. □

# Usher's ex-wife granted emergency custody hearing

KATE BRUMBACK

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — A judge has scheduled an emergency custody hearing requested by Usher's ex-wife after one of the pair's sons got stuck in a pool drain at the singer's Atlanta home.

A lawyer for Tameka Foster Raymond filed the request in Fulton County Superior Court on Tuesday and Judge John J. Goger approved it the same day, scheduling a hearing for Friday.

The court filing says the boy "suffered a near-death accident" while left unsupervised in a pool at the Grammy winner's home on Monday.

Tameka Raymond is seeking temporary primary cus-

tody of the former couple's two children, as well as temporary final decision-making authority regarding their education, health care, religion and extracurricular activities.

A lawyer who has previously represented Usher in the custody dispute did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment, and her office said she was scheduled to be in court all week.

Atlanta police have said 5-year-old Usher Raymond V fell to the bottom of the pool and became stuck in the drain on Monday. A housekeeper tried unsuccessfully to free him.

A contractor doing work at the home pulled the boy from the pool and per-

formed CPR.

The boy was "conscious, alert and breathing" when emergency medical workers arrived, police said. The boy was in the intensive-care unit of a hospital being treated for his injuries, Tameka Raymond's court filing says.

Usher Raymond V is one of two sons of Usher and Tameka Raymond, who divorced two years after getting married in 2007. The singer went through a long legal fight with his ex-wife and was awarded primary custody of his two sons last year.

Usher has failed to discuss issues affecting the children with Tameka Raymond and leaves the children with caregivers when he travels



In this June 27, 2013 file photo shows Usher accepts the golden note award at the 26th Annual ASCAP Rhythm & Soul Music Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

around the world for work rather than parenting them himself, Tameka Raymond said in a sworn statement attached to the court filing. It isn't in the best interests of the children to be left in the care of third-party caregivers, and Tameka Raymond is capable of caring for the children, the statement

says. The children have said they'd rather be with her than with caregivers, the statement says.

The alleged near drowning of the singer's son comes nearly a year after Tameka Raymond's 11-year-old son, Kile Glover, died after being critically injured in a boating accident. □





This April 1, 2012 file photo shows country singer LeAnn Rimes, right, and her husband Eddie Cibrian at the 47th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas. Associated Press

## LeAnn Rimes, Eddie Cibrian get VH1 series

Associated Press  
NEW YORK (AP) — Eddie Cibrian and LeAnn Rimes already get a lot of tabloid attention. Now the 40-year-old actor and his singer-actress wife are parlaying their notoriety into a new VH1 series tentatively titled, "LeAnn & Eddie." The six-episode series is scheduled to debut later this year or in early 2014. A statement released Wednesday said the show will "bring the truth and make fun of all the gossip" about the couple, but doesn't say specifically whether it will be scripted or a reality series. The couple wed in 2011. They met while filming the Lifetime movie "Northern Lights." Cibrian's ex-wife, Brandi Glanville, is a cast member on "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills." □



# PBS documentary looks at Journey's lead singer search



Jonathan Cain, left, Arnel Pineda, center, and Neal Schon of the rock band Journey take part in a panel discussion on the Independent Lens documentary "Don't Stop Believin': Everyman's Journey," at the PBS Summer 2013 TCA press tour at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2013, in Beverly Hills, Calif. Associated Press

BETH HARRIS  
Associated Press  
BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP) — The resurgence of Journey through the band's discovery of a new lead singer via the Internet gets a close-up look on a new Public Broadcasting Service documentary. "Don't Stop Believin': Everyman's Journey" airs on Sept. 30 as part of the network's Independent Lens series. It's the story of how Journey guitarist Neal Schon found a replacement for front man Steve Perry by searching YouTube videos, and the band's eventual integration of Arnel Pineda into its lineup. It wasn't easy. Some longtime Journey fans were initially reluctant to accept the presence of Pineda, a 45-year-old Filipino singer, into an American band that had been dominated by Perry's presence and soaring vocals. "We still have fans of our music showing up in the last year that don't know Steve Perry isn't in the band," keyboardist Jonathan Cain told the Television Critics Association on Tuesday. Perry was replaced for the first time in 1998. Cain recalled doing a con-

cert in a U.S. city that he declined to name after Pineda joined Journey in December 2007. "It took them 30 minutes to finally wrap their heads around the fact that this guy could sing his butt off," he said. "At the end of the show, they were all applauding Arnel's efforts." Pineda perfected his English by reading English-language newspapers and using a dictionary to look up words he didn't understand. He wasn't troubled by hardcore Perry fans who compared the two singers. "I never had a slight feeling of intimidation," he said. "I'm not even trying to compete with Mr. Perry. I'm just trying to help out. It didn't affect me at all." Pineda was initially found by Schon singing Journey covers in YouTube videos. The band brought him to San Francisco to audition. "I found some good guys, but I didn't feel they had the strength and the power in their pipes to carry themselves over the power of our music," Schon said. "Arnel, I said, 'This guy is the real deal.'" Cain credited Pineda for

stoking new interest in the group famous for such hits as "Don't Stop Believin'," "Faithfully" and "Open Arms." "He has his own style that he's developed," he said. "I watched this guy come from Manila as a club singer and become a rock star. We have a whole new fan base. Filipino nation is showing up at our shows." Journey's older music continues to find new life on Broadway, television, movies and at sporting events. "We're finding young school kids singing these songs and they weren't raised with these songs," Schon said. "We still obviously love doing it. To rebuild this band from nothing 10 years ago was quite a feat." Schon and Pineda teamed to perform "Stay Awhile" as bassist Ross Valory and manager John Baruck looked on during the TCA session. Drummer Deen Castronovo didn't attend because of a scheduling conflict. The band resumes its current tour on Aug. 15 in Kinder, Louisiana, and will play two sold-out dates in Chicago later this month. □



In a Feb. 24, 2013, file photo Meryl Streep, above, and actor Robert De Niro, below, arrive at the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre, in Los Angeles. Associated Press



## De Niro, Streep to reunite for 'The Good House'

NEW YORK (AP) — More than a dozen years after their last film together, Robert De Niro and Meryl Streep will reunite on screen for an adaption of Ann Leary's darkly comic small town New England tale, "The Good House." De Niro and Streep memorably starred together in 1978's "The Deer Hunter," as well as 1984's "Falling in Love" and 1996's "Marvin's Room." FilmNation Entertainment announced Tuesday that it acquired the rights for "The Good House" from Jane Rosenthal, De Niro's producing partner. She will produce the film for Tribeca Productions along with FilmNation's Aaron Ryder and Karen Lunder. Writing the script will be Michael Cunningham, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The Hours." It will be the fourth film together for the 69-year-old De Niro and the 64-year-old Streep. □



## The Girls Of Summer



**GAIL COLLINS**  
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Congress, like France, does not believe anybody should have to work during August. However, to be fair, the French feel compelled to do some stuff during the other 11 months.

We do not have nearly enough time to discuss all the exciting things that happened in the final week before summer vacation. The House, for instance, voted for the 40th time to repeal the Affordable Care Act. I will summarize the debate:

"Obamacare is bad. ... " (Majority Leader Eric Cantor)

"Forty is a number that is fraught with meaning in the Bible. ..." (Nancy Pelosi)

Meanwhile, the Senate considered a bill to appropriate money for transportation, housing and urban development. This sounds a little dull, but I want you to consider that its nickname is THUD.

In normal times, back when Congress got things done and disco was extremely popular, the transportation bill was easy to pass. Everybody likes roads and bridges. This year, THUD was a labor of love in the Senate Appropriations Committee, where Barbara Mikulski is chairwoman, Patty Murray is the leader of the transportation subcommittee and Susan Collins is the top-ranking Republican. I am not going to point out that they are all women. Just that they worked well together and were considerate of everyone's feelings. After long and effortful negotiations, they came up with a bipartisan deal that made most people reasonably happy. In another show of good will, Murray - who handled the bill on the floor - agreed to let the senators keep debating until their tongues fell out and permitted the introduction of more than 80 proposed amendments. "Including," she said in a phone interview, "one totally off-message and off-subject on Egypt."

Ah, yes. That would have been the work of Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, the libertarian White House wannabe. Paul proposed withdrawing foreign aid to Egypt and using it for bridge repair. The Middle East is not something you're supposed to fiddle around with during a transportation debate, but, as Murray said, she was going the extra mile. The amendment was defeated 86-13. Murray and Collins were confident that they had the 60 votes necessary to get their bill through the Senate. "Everyone has fall-

ing-apart roads and crumbling bridges," Collins said. Most of the Republicans on the Appropriations Committee had voted for it. And then there was all that debate and the 80-plus amendment proposals, and everything was going swell.

Enter the Senate minority leader, Mitch McConnell. "For reasons I don't fully understand, Sen. McConnell decided he needed to draw a line in the sand," said Collins.

There are many theories, one of which involves McConnell's re-election campaign in Kentucky. It is not going great. He's being primaried by a Tea Party candidate, and there are polls suggesting his constituents don't find him all that likable. Lately, McConnell has been struggling to look like a rebellious right-winger rather than a future lobbyist. He even voted for the Egypt amendment. "I've never seen him work harder to kill a bill," said Collins. "And this is my 17th year here."

Suddenly, everybody realized the bill was doomed, and the senators were flitting around, buzzing. "Sit down and shut up!" said the majority leader, Harry Reid. As only he could.

An angry Susan Collins, who would be the only Republican to vote for the bill, took the floor and expressed her frustration. Murray followed, while Mikulski watched indignantly. In the Senate president's chair, Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin was presiding. Everybody was a woman! Except Mitch McConnell, who, having already twisted all the necessary limbs, just made a vague speech about how the bill would be viewed by Americans as a betrayal of the Budget Control Act of 2011.

Under McConnell's argument, which he made with approximately the same amount of passion one would use to lace a shoe, the nation would spend August in an uproar about the Senate's failure to live up to the spirit of a crazy deal that was cobbled together two years ago to keep the nation from crashing through the debt ceiling. No one would have the heart to barbecue. Actually, the commitment Congress is supposed to be following is its own budget plan. The Senate and House each have one. The House version is very austere, and this week the members got a chance to start putting it in action with - yes! - a transportation bill. Once they got a look how their principled stand against spending translated into real life, they recoiled in horror and their leaders yanked it off the agenda.

In a normal world, the House and Senate would get together in a conference committee to work out a joint budget deal. This year, the Senate Republicans keep vetoing that. So, on Thursday, just before the senators left for the airport, Murray asked her leadership to once again request a conference.

"They're going to object," she predicted. "And it'll be a guy who'll be saying no, by the way."

She was right. "I'm going to go home and eat chocolate," Murray decided. □



## Return Of The Jesus Wars



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Before "The Da Vinci Code" and "The Gospel of Judas," before Mel Gibson's "Passion" and Martin Scorsese's "Last Temptation," before the Dead Sea Scrolls were unearthed and the Gnostic gospels rediscovered, there was a German scholar named Hermann Samuel Reimarus.

It was Reimarus, writing in the 18th century, who basically invented the modern Jesus wars, by postulating a gulf between the Jesus of history and the Christ of faith. The real Jesus of Nazareth, he argued, was a political revolutionary who died disappointed, and whose disciples invented a resurrection - and with it, a religion - to make sense of his failure.

In Reimarus' lifetime these were dangerous ideas, and his argument was published posthumously. But within a few generations, historical-Jesus controversies inspired publicity rather than persecution. By the Victorian era, when the Earl of Shaftesbury attacked David Friedrich Strauss' "Life of Jesus, Critically Examined" as "the most pestilential book ever vomited out of the jaws of hell," he was just contributing to the book's success.

Today there are enough competing "real Jesuses" that it's hard for a would-be Strauss to find his Shaftesbury. Which is why every reinterpretation of Jesus not named Dan Brown is probably envious of Reza Aslan, the Iranian-born academic and author of "Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth," who achieved Strauss-style liftoff thanks to 10 painful minutes on Fox News.

Those minutes were spent with the interviewer, Lauren Green, asking Aslan to explain why a Muslim would write a book about Jesus - with Aslan coolly emphasizing his credentials and the non-Islamic nature of his argument - and then with Green asking variations on the Muslim question, to increasing offense and diminishing returns.

The video quickly went viral, turning Aslan into a culture-war icon, a martyr to Fox's biases ... and soon enough (as these things tend to go) a martyr with a No. 1 best-seller. The irony is that Aslan's succès de scandale would be more deserved if he had actually written in defense of the Islamic view of Jesus. That would have been something provocative and - to Western readers - relatively new. Instead, Aslan's book offers a more engaging version of the argument Reimarus made 250 years ago. His Jesus is an essentially political figure, a revolutionary killed because he challenged Roman rule, who was then mysticized by his disciples and divinized by Paul of Tarsus.

The fact that Aslan's take on Jesus is not original doesn't mean it's necessarily wrong. But it has the same problem that bedevils most of his competitors in the "real Jesus" industry. In the quest to make Jesus more comprehensible, it makes Christianity's origins more mysterious.

Part of the lure of the New Testament is the complexity of its central character - the mix of gentleness and zeal, strident moralism and extraordinary compassion, the down-to-earth and the supernatural.

Most "real Jesus" efforts, though, assume that these complexities are accretions, to be whittled away to reach the historical core. Thus instead of a Jesus who contains multitudes, we get Jesus the nationalist or Jesus the apocalyptic prophet or Jesus the sage or Jesus the philosopher and so on down the list.

There's enough gospel material

to make any of these portraits credible. But they also tend to be rather, well, boring, and to raise the question of how a pedestrian figure - one zealot among many, one mystic in a Mediterranean full of them - inspired a global faith. That's not a question such books are usually designed to answer. They're better seen as lamentations for paths not taken, Christianities that might have been. The mystical Jesus is for readers who wish we had the parables without the creeds, the philosophical Jesus for readers who wish Christianity had developed like the Ethical Culture movement. And a political Jesus like Aslan's is for readers who feel, as one of his reviewers put it, that "Jesus' usefulness as a challenge to power was lost the moment Christians first believed he rose from the dead."

This means that the best companion reading for "Zealot" probably isn't an alternative portrayal of Jesus' life and times. Rather, it's a recent book like the classicist Sarah Ruden's "Paul Among the People" or the theologian David Bentley Hart's "Atheist Delusions: The Christian Revolution and Its Fashionable Enemies."

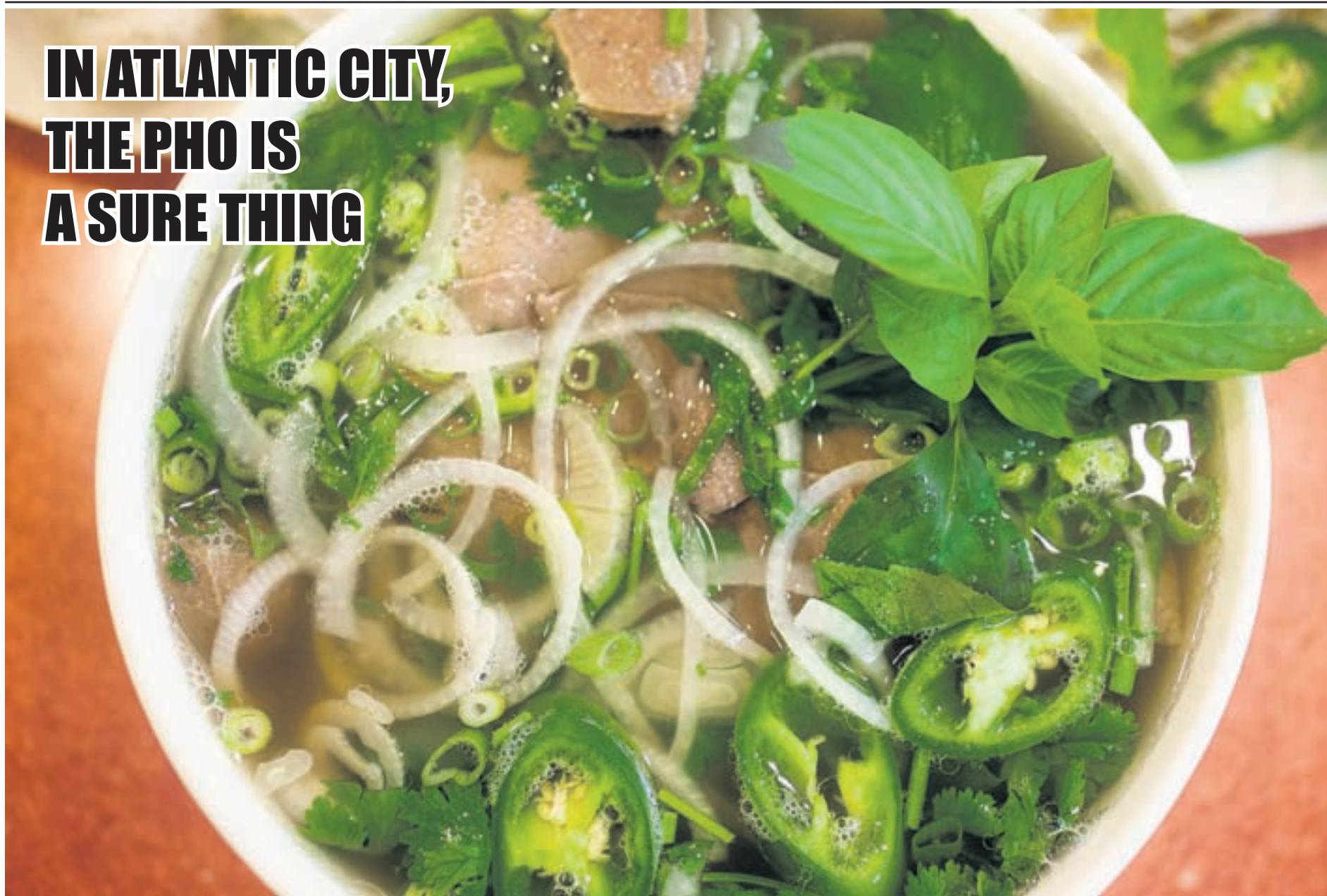
Coming from different vantage points - Ruden is more theologically liberal, Hart more conservative - both authors explore just how radical the actual Christian revolution was, how it upended the ancient world's violent, patriarchal, hierarchical norms, and how many liberal, modern and egalitarian attitudes are indebted to early Christian zeal.

Their aren't arguments on behalf of a particular vision of who Jesus really was. They're briefs against the assumption that some other interpretation of his life would have necessarily had more dramatic, congenial or significant results.

And they're reminders that every modern account of how an alternative Christianity might have changed the world is itself indebted to the many ways the historical Christianity actually did. □



# IN ATLANTIC CITY, THE PHO IS A SURE THING



Pho dac biet is served at Hu Tieu Mien Tay Vietnamese restaurant, in the food court of an Asian supermarket across the bay from Atlantic City in Pleasantville, N.J. (Jessica Kourkounis/The New York Times)

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**ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.** - New Yorkers have been known to grouse about the Vietnamese food in their city. Many have tasted mind-numbingly good pho in places like Houston, San Diego and Falls Church, Va. (national hot spots of Viet cuisine), yet when they encounter the iconic beef and rice-noodle soup at home, the flavors often seem pallid and unknit. There's no need to hop onto a plane, though. A scant 125 miles away, in and around this gambling mecca, are a clutch of Vietnamese cafes that arguably rank among the nation's most authentic, where the steaming bowls of pho have the kind of flavors that can make connoisseurs of the dish leap up from their plastic chairs with pleasure. Take the pho dac biet at Hu Tieu Mien Tay. This modest cafe owned by Ha and Thomas Vu - its neon-lighted walls hung with Chinese paintings of raptors soaring over sunlit cliffs - is deep

within the food court of Asian Supermarket in Pleasantville, N.J., just across a bay from Atlantic City. At lunch the place is packed, not just with Vietnamese, but with working-class pa-

the tongue is star anise, followed in quick succession by scallions, cilantro, garlic, onions, charred ginger and perhaps a touch of chicken in the long-boiled broth. Last to unfold is pun-

bumpy white tripe, gobs of gluey tendon and tender brisket like something a Jewish mother might make. But as good as the soup already is, you are encouraged to customize it, first from a plate heaped with bean sprouts, sliced jalapeños, holy basil, lime wedges and the elongated herb called Vietnamese cilantro. Finally, there is a caddy of a dozen jarred and bottled condiments, some obviously homemade, including fish sauce, a red-chili purée, a caramel-like hoisin and (in an apparent tip of the hat to French colonialists) red wine vinegar. How did such serious pho come to settle here? Lien Pham, the chef and owner of Little Saigon, recounted how she started Atlantic City's first Vietnamese restaurant, far from the gambling haunts on a side street that has become the center of a Vietnamese neighborhood. "I came to Atlantic City in the 1980s to take a job as a dealer in one of the casinos," she said. "There were many Vietnamese casino

employees. One day my friends asked, 'Why don't you start a restaurant?' And I did." Decorated with banks of customer snapshots and framed articles from local publications, Pham's small cafe is the best known of the Vietnamese restaurants, and the one most likely to attract random beachgoers, vacationers and gamblers. Among her specialties are examples of what might be called French-Indochinese haute cuisine, including tom ram man (succulent grilled shrimp cooked in caramel sauce in a clay pot, tendered with a sprig of fresh mint) and bao xao luc lac (cubes of sautéed beefsteak coated with black pepper, served with lettuce and radicchio for wrapping). As the waiter warned us, the pho is much heavier than any of the southern hu tieus. But maybe, if the outdoor temperature dips, or you haven't had much luck indoors at the gaming tables, this fortifying potage might be exactly what you're looking for. □



Owner and chef of Little Saigon, Lien Pham, inside her restaurant on Arctic Avenue in Atlantic City, July 24, 2013. In and around Atlantic City are a clutch of Vietnamese cafes that arguably rank among the nation's most authentic. (Jessica Kourkounis/The New York Times)

trons of every stripe, who eat silently save for the loud sound of slurping. The pho is a favorite with this crowd, based on a deeply amber beef broth glittering with tiny droplets of oil. The first flavor to hit

gent Chinese celery, an ingredient that Vietnamese restaurants in New York usually omit. In the depths is a hoard of meats, including raw steak sliced razor-thin - the bright pink color fading as you watch - along with